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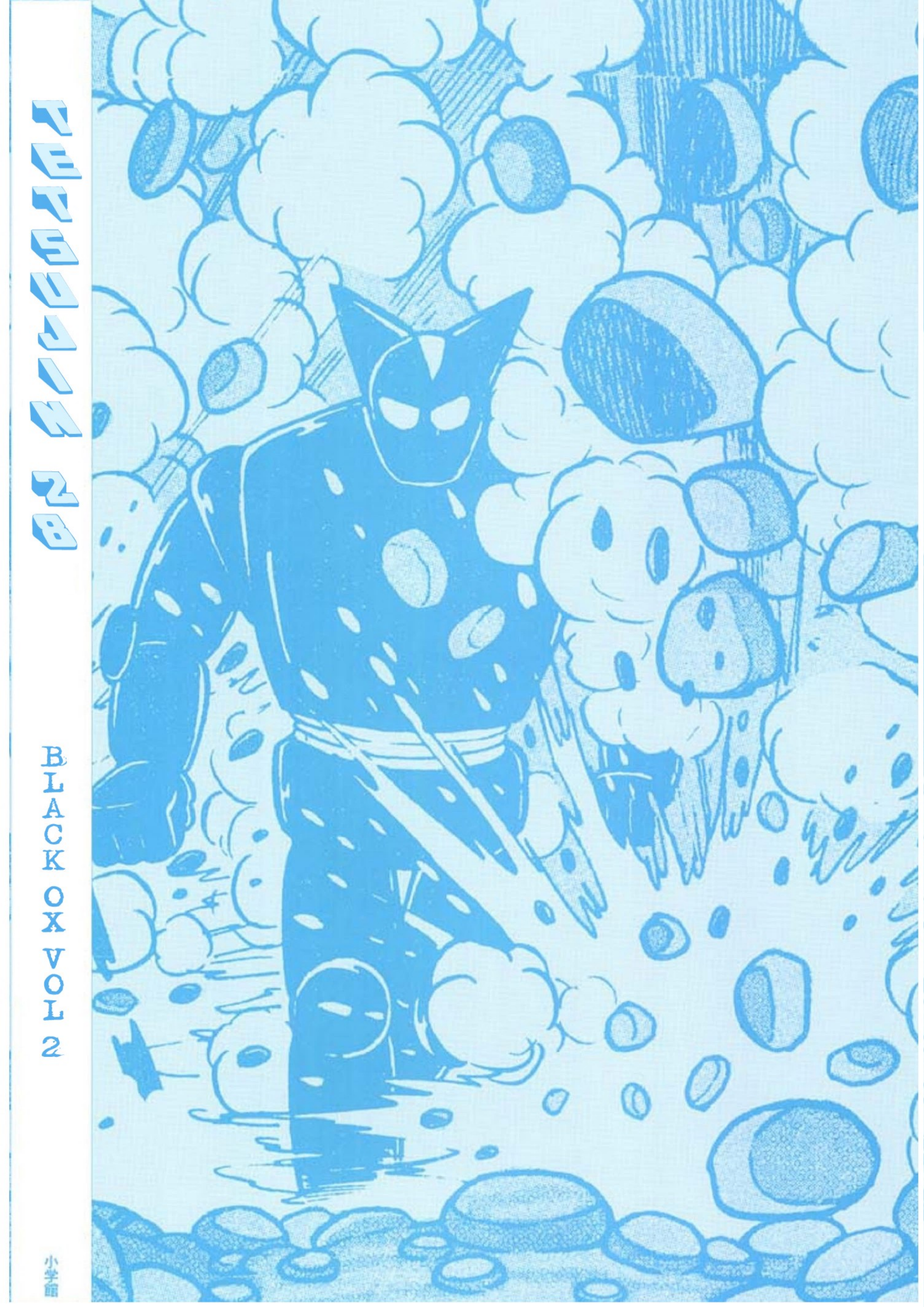
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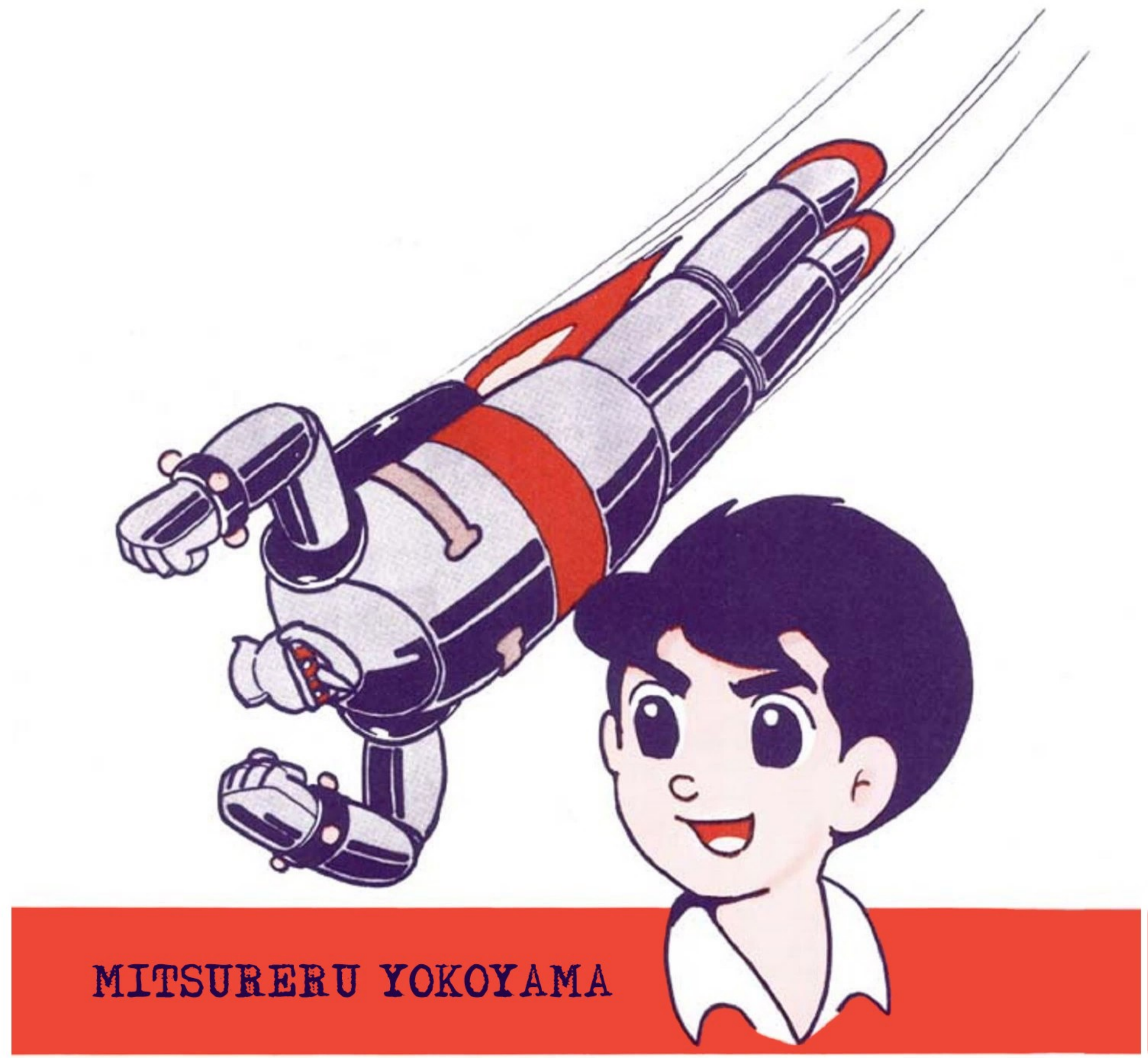

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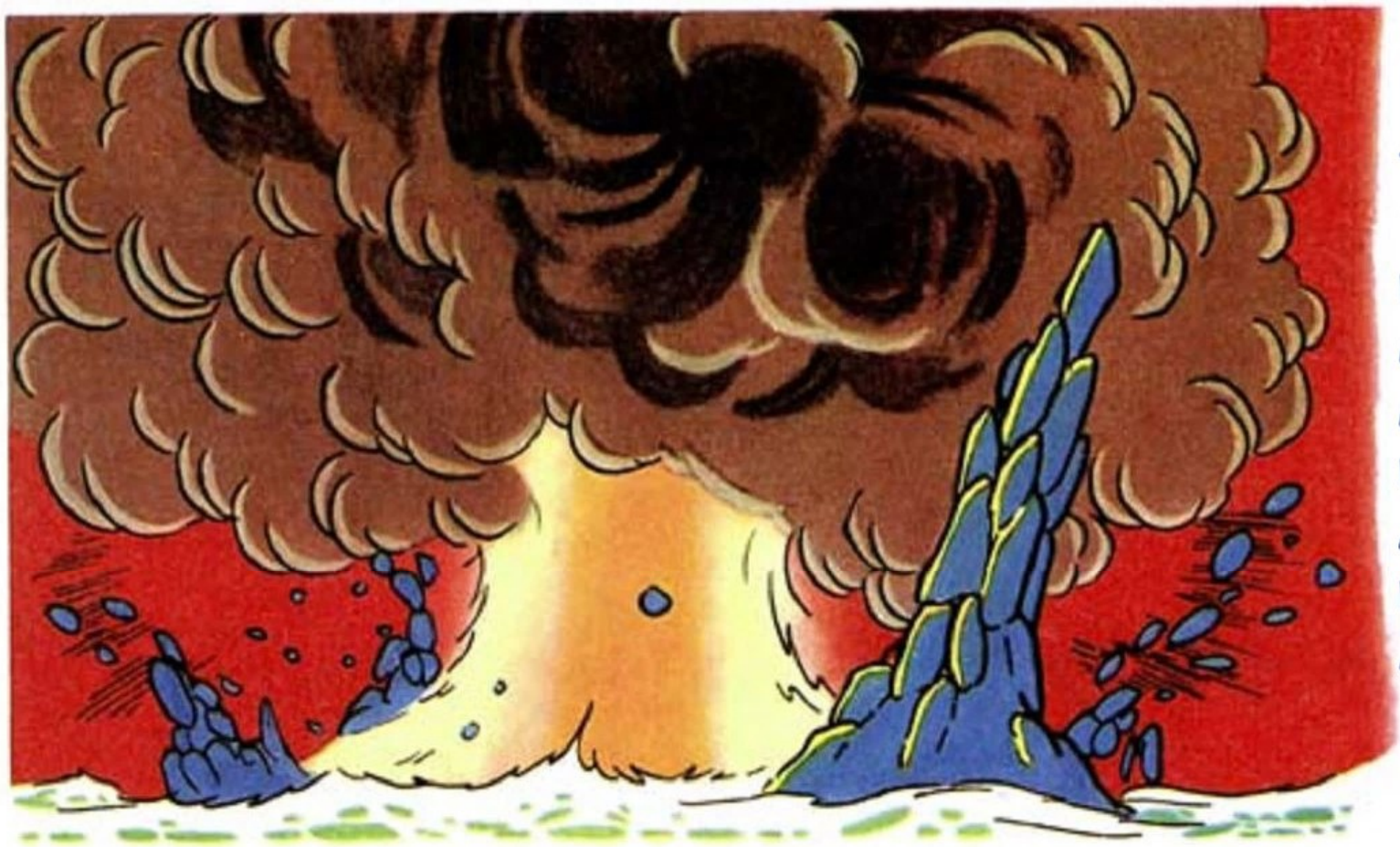
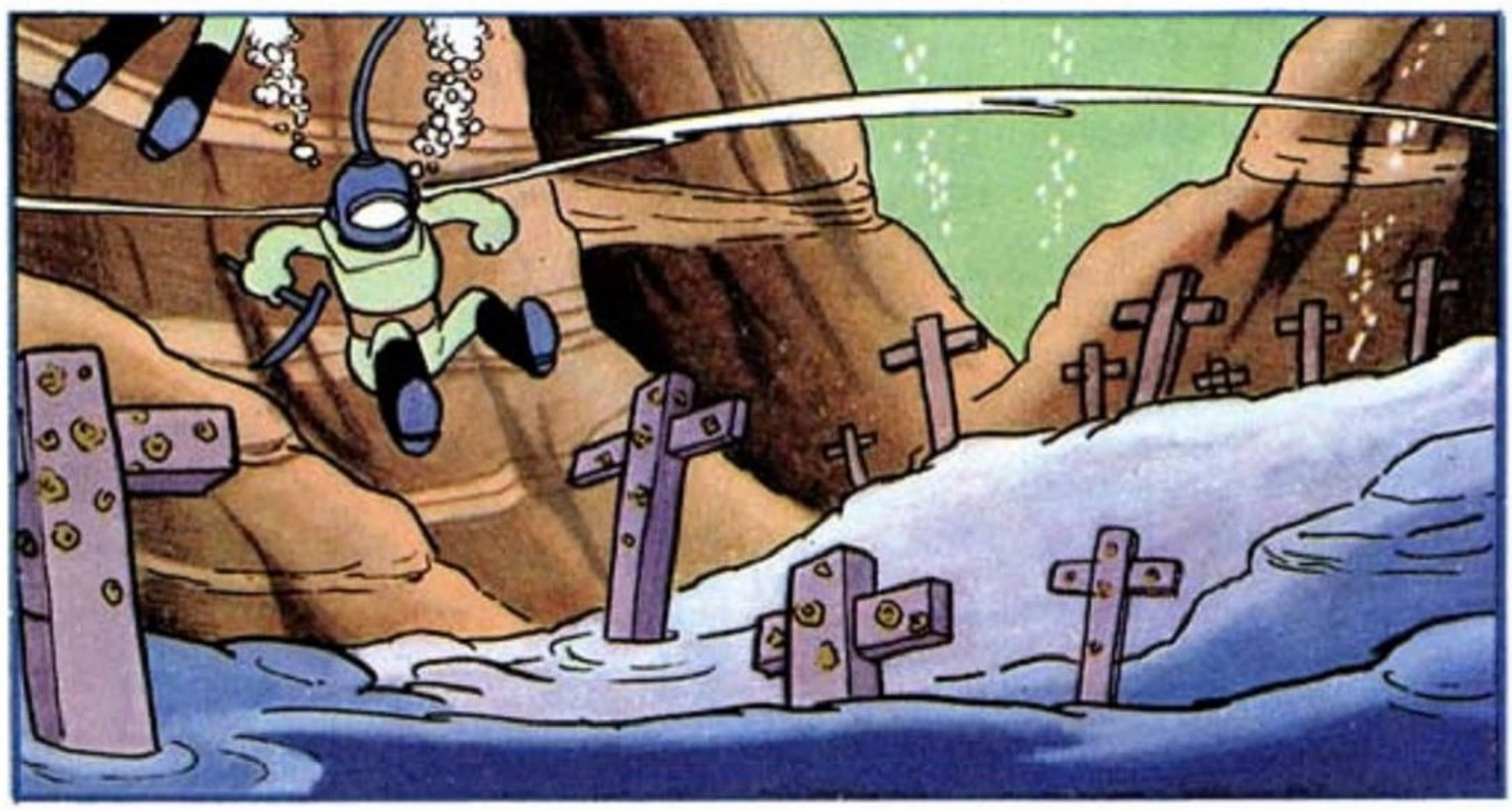


THE FIGHT BETWEEN ***THRILL SUSPENSE,*** HIS GANGSTERS AND THE MYSTERIOUS SCIENTIST ***DR. FRANKEN*** CAUSED A HUGE EXPLOSION AT ***MADARA ROCKS,*** WHICH KILLED THE GANGSTERS AND DOCTOR.

THIS MYSTERY LEADS SHOTARO AND CHIEF OTSUKA BACK TO MADARA ROCKS.

THE DOCTOR'S BODY GETS STOLEN FROM THE MORGUE.

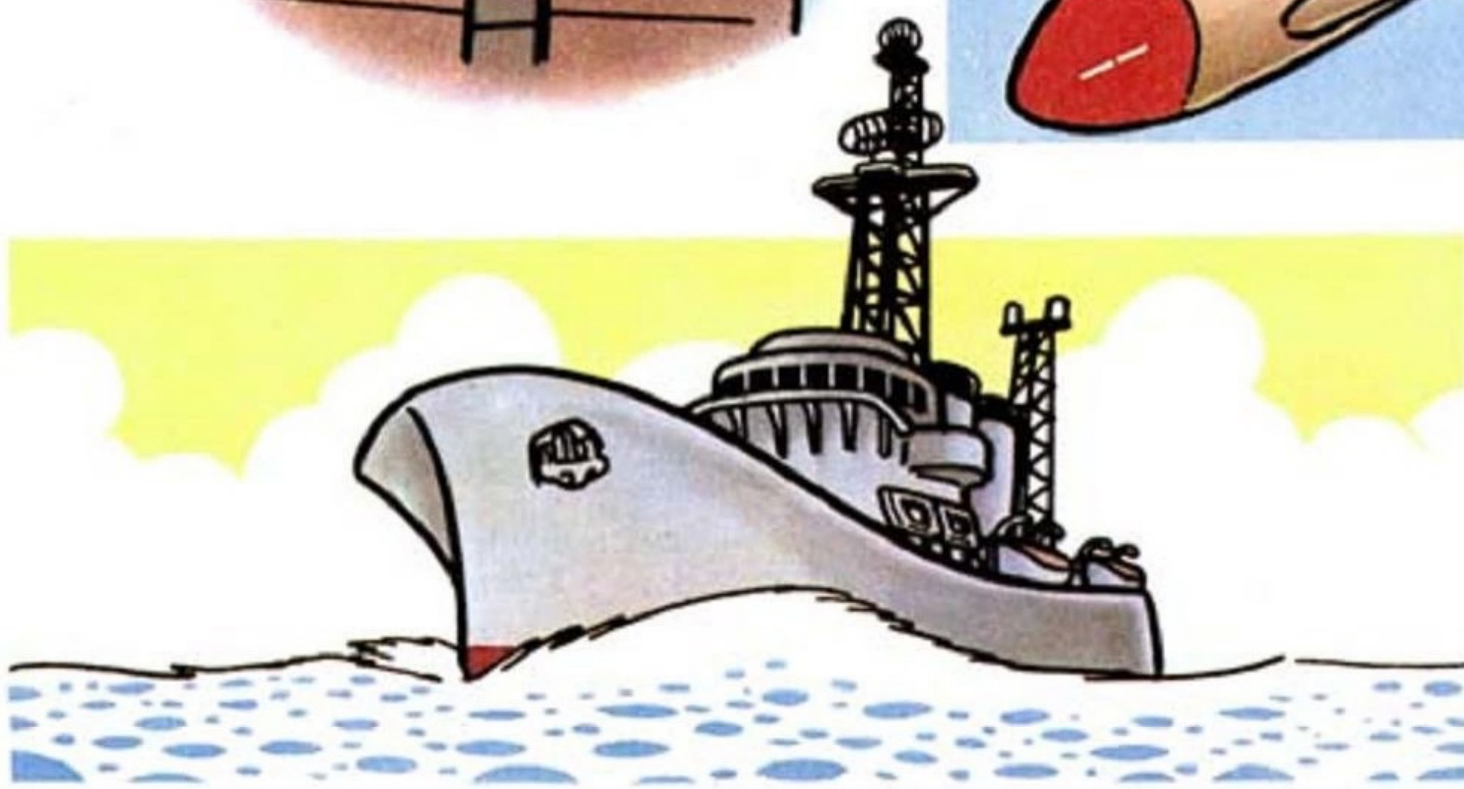


TO THEIR HORROR THEY FOUND A GRAVEYARD AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA.

AT THE GRAVEYARD THE CHIEF'S DIVERS CAME ACROSS A GROUP OF ***FROGMEN*** USING A MACHINE TO EXCAVATE THE SEA FLOOR.

THEIR INTENTION WAS TO ***KILL*** CHIEF OTSUKA, SHOTARO AND THE REST.

WHEN THE FROGMEN KNEW THEY WERE FOUND, THEY ***ATTACKED OTSUKA'S CREW.***



ESCAPING THE FROG-MEN, SHOTARO AND OTSUKA ***USE THE MARITIME SDF*** TO INVESTIGATE THE GRAVEYARD FURTHER.

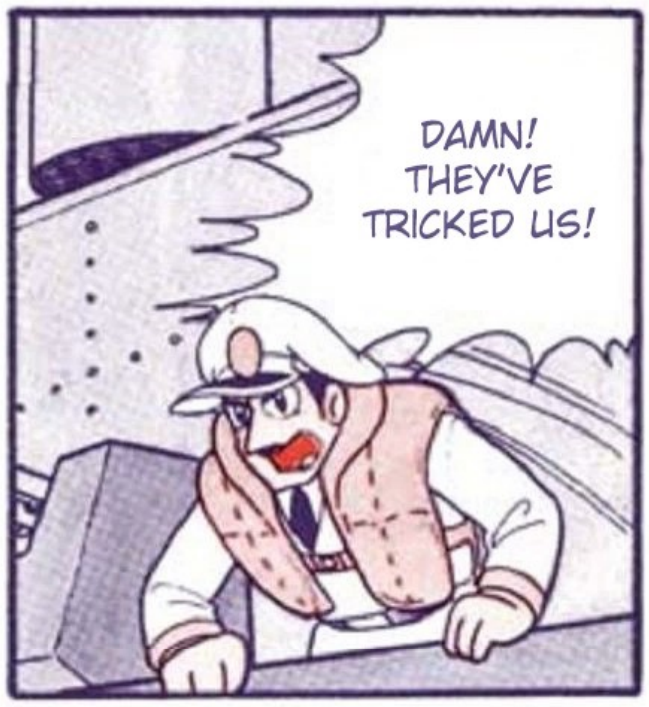
THE FROGMEN IN THIER SUBMARINE ***ENGAGE IN A HEATED BATTLE*** WITH THE NAVY .....

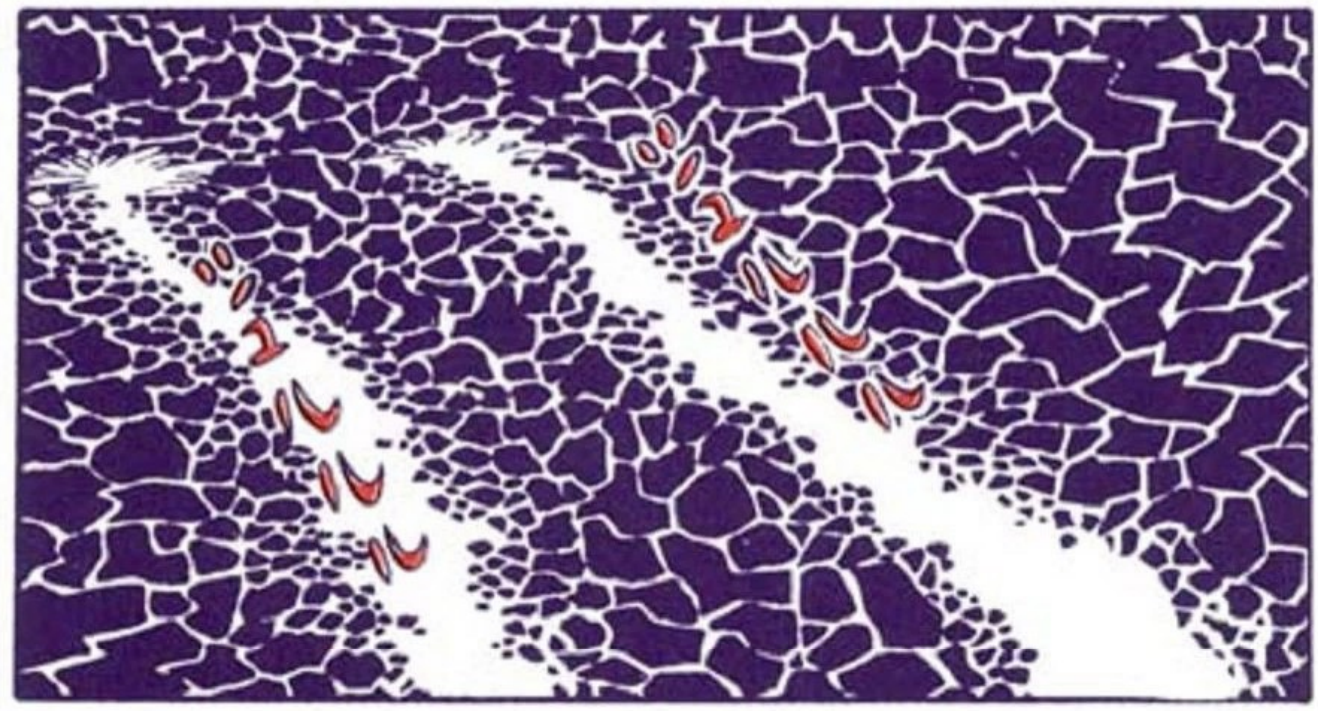
THE BIRTH OF BLACK OX

WHAT!
TORPEDOES!

THE SOUND... IT'S TORPEDOES!

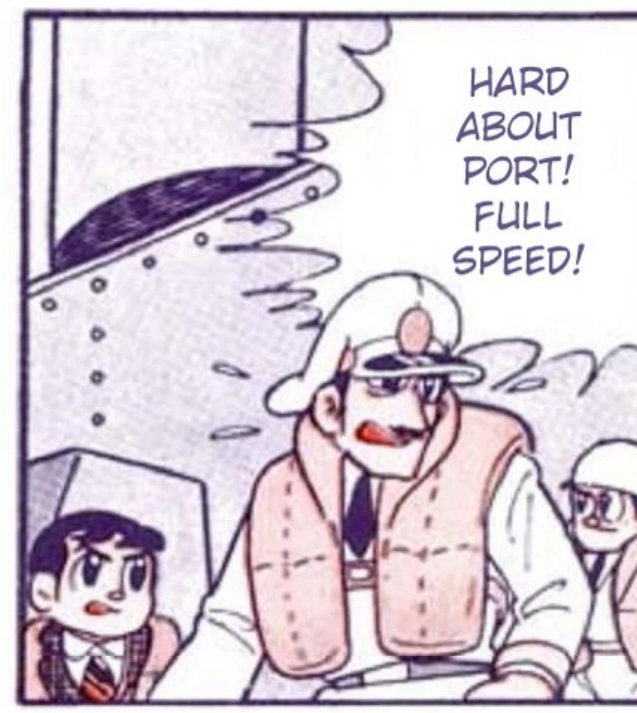
WHAT DO YOU HEAR?
I CAN HEAR SOME-THING!


DAMN! THEY'VE TRICKED US!



NO, IT'S STILL NOT GETTING THROUGH TO HIM!

SHOTARO, ARE YOU ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH TETSUJIN YET?


HARD ABOUT PORT! FULL SPEED!

OH NO!

OH MAN

I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO CONTACT HIM UNTIL THAT RADIO JAMMING FLUID HAS CLEARED OUT!

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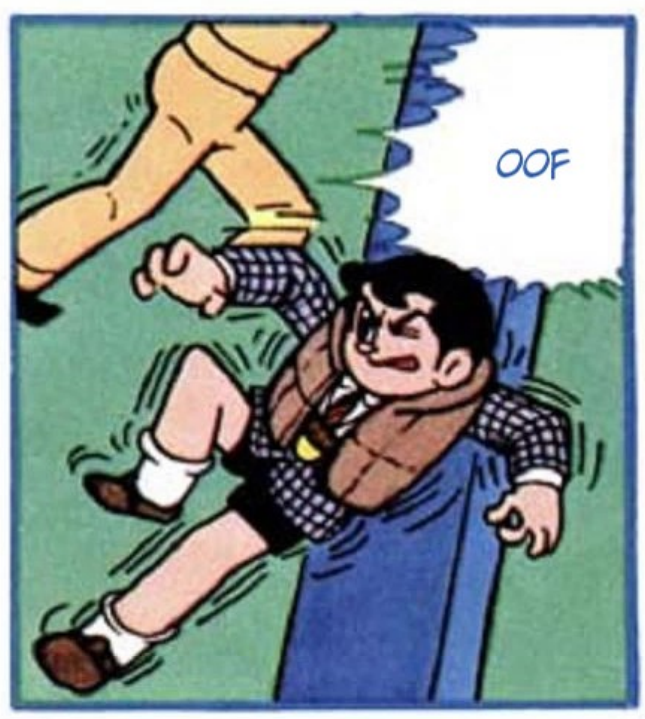
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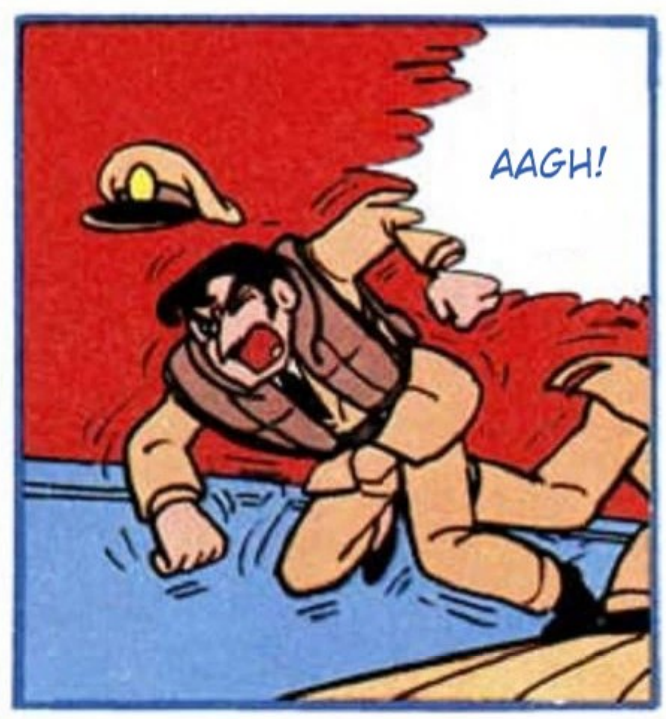
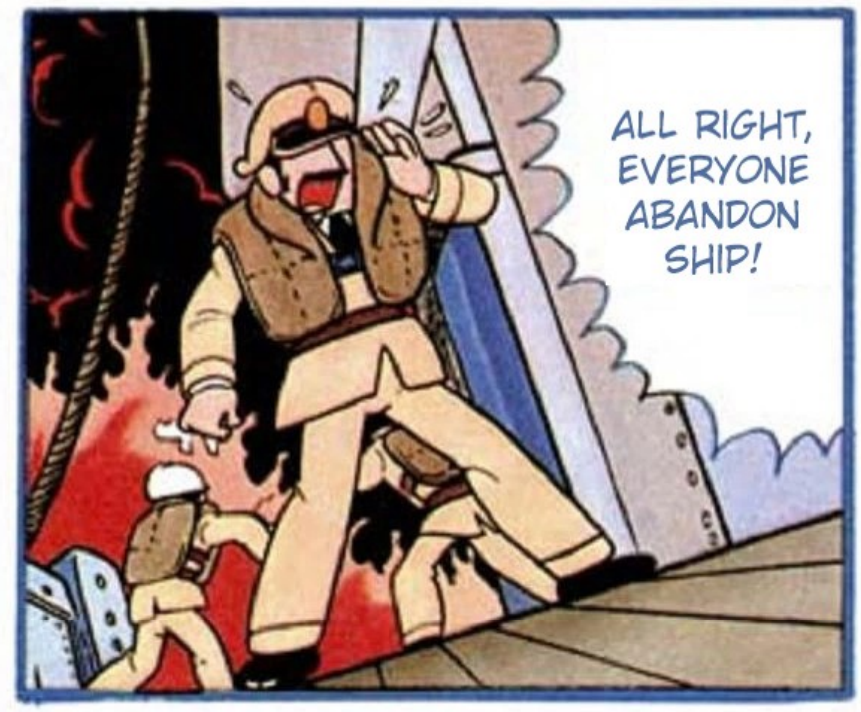

AAGH!

THE THIRD HOLD IS FLOODED SO BADLY THAT THE PUMPS CAN'T KEEP UP!

CAPTAIN! THE ENGINE ROOM IS COMPLETELY DESTROYED, SIR! WE'RE DEAD IN THE WATER!

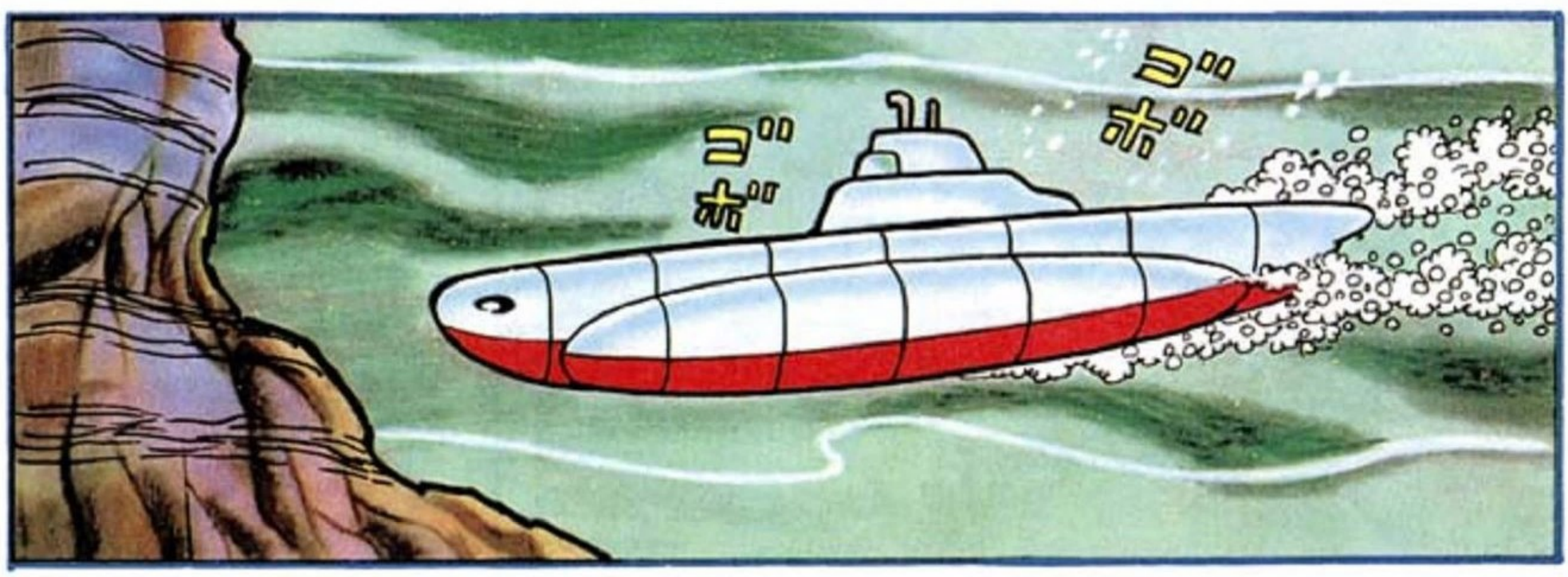
WHOA!


ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE ABANDON SHIP!

HAHAHAHA! LOOK AT THE SHOCKED EXPRESSION ON THEIR FACES!

OKAY, WE'VE DONE OUR JOB. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

DAMN... DAMN IT!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THIS IS SDF SECURITY SHIP "TOKITSU"
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WE NEED TO CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE

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DAMN...
I'LL GET THOSE BASTARDS

IT'S LISTING
UGH

AT 16:38, THE "TOKITSU" WAS TORPEDOED BY A SUBMARINE OF UNKNOWN NATIONALITY AND SANK, LEAVING THE CREW ADRIFT. THE LOCATION FOR REPAIR IS 1411 DEGREES LONGITUDE AND 33 DEGREES 6 MINUTES NORTH LATITUDE.

GREAT!

CAPTAIN, I'VE REACHED THE COAST GUARD!

THIS IS CAPTAIN HARAGUCHI OF THE SECURITY SHIP "TOKITSU"

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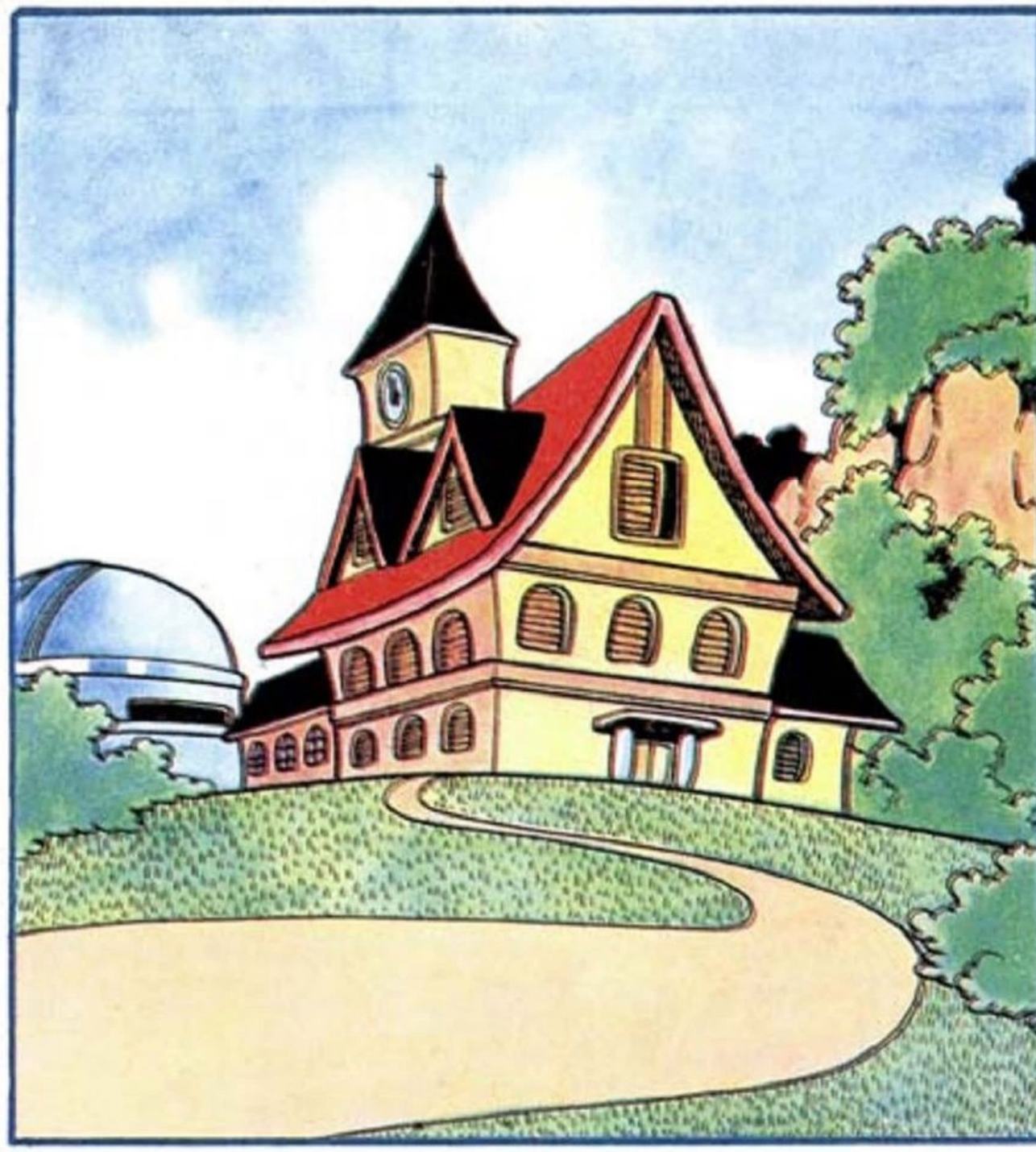
IF ANYONE IS INJURED GIVE THEM FIRST AID UNTIL THE RESCUE TEAM GETS HERE

OKAY, NOW IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE RESCUE TEAM ARRIVES

AH, THEY'VE SANK THE SHIP!

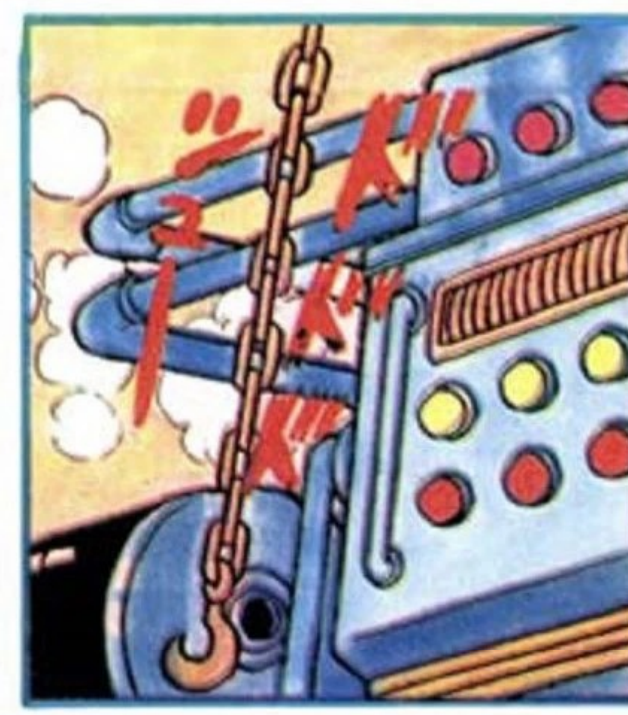
OK
GO ON, GO ON AND HAVE A DRINK

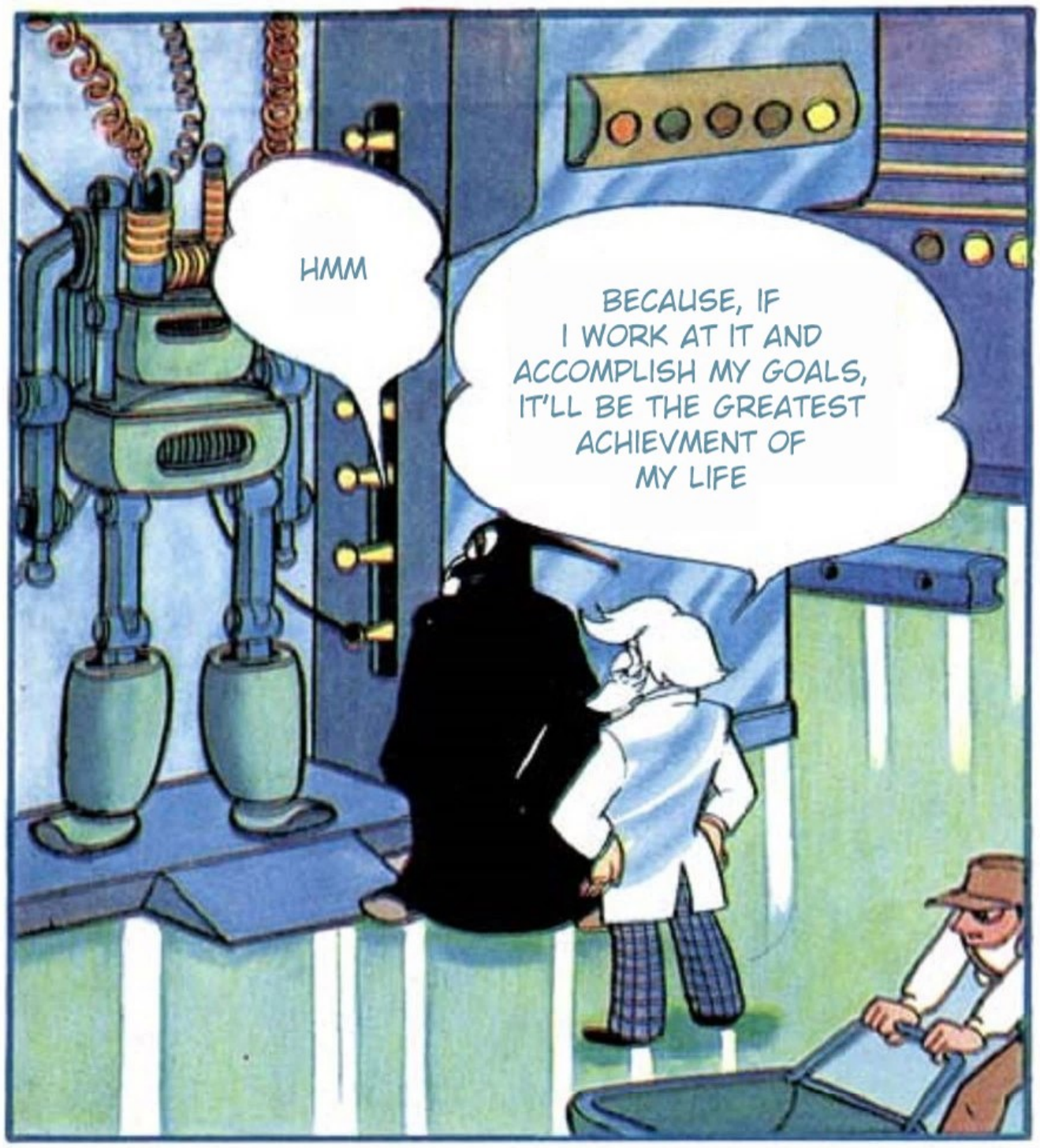


NOW THEY'LL STAY CLEAR OF MADARA ROCKS

YES. THERE'S A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US

AH, EXCUSE ME DR. FRANKEN. ARE YOU READY TO GO?




HMM
BECAUSE, IF I WORK AT IT AND ACCOMPLISH MY GOALS, IT'LL BE THE GREATEST ACHIEVMENT OF MY LIFE

WE'LL SEE IF THIS ROBOT CAN THINK LIKE A HUMAN.

WELL...
DOCTOR, IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT. SO WHAT'S THE USE OF YOU THINKING IT CAN STILL BE DONE NOW?

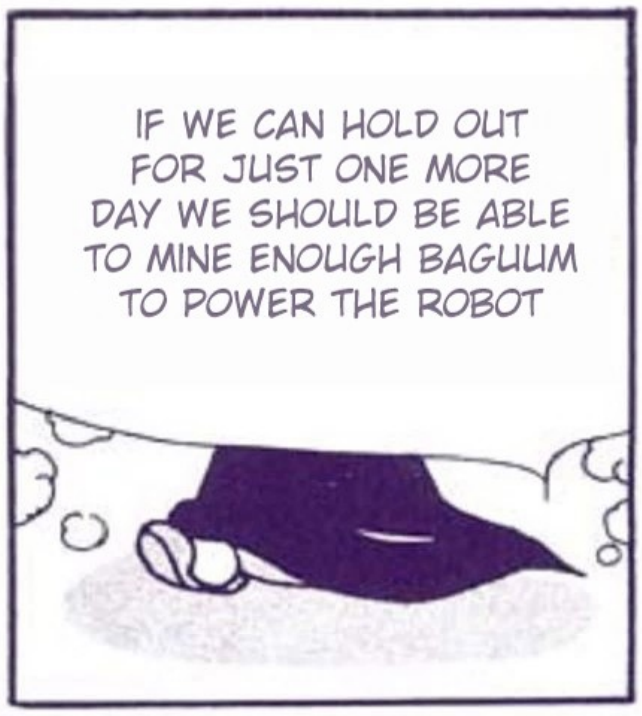
HUH?
THE JAPAN MARITIME SELF-DEFENSE FORCE HAS TAKEN THE SINKING OF THE USS TOKITSU VERY SERIOUSLY, AND WILL BE DEPLOYING TWO SECURITY VESSELS, THE "IWAKAZE" AND THE "HIKARI", TOMORROW.

SIR!

MMMMM .....

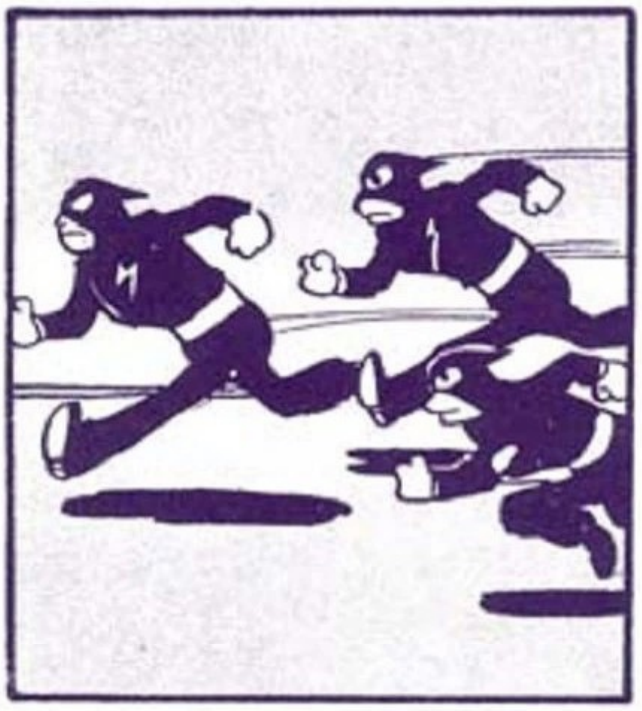
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP THEM OUT OF THE WATER WITH JUST THE SUB AND EVEN IF WE USE IT, WE'LL BE SPOTTED FROM THE AIR

HMM EVEN THE AIR FORCE IS GETTING INVOLVED


IF WE CAN HOLD OUT FOR JUST ONE MORE DAY WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MINE ENOUGH BAGUUM TO POWER THE ROBOT

OKAY, PLANT EXPLOSIVES ON THE SECURITY SHIPS TONIGHT

FIRST THING IN THE MORNING
THEY'RE ARRIVING TOMORROW?



YES SIR
AND ABOUT SHOTARO AND TETSUJIN, WHILE YOU'RE AT IT GET RID OF THEM TOO

YES SIR
NOW GET GOING

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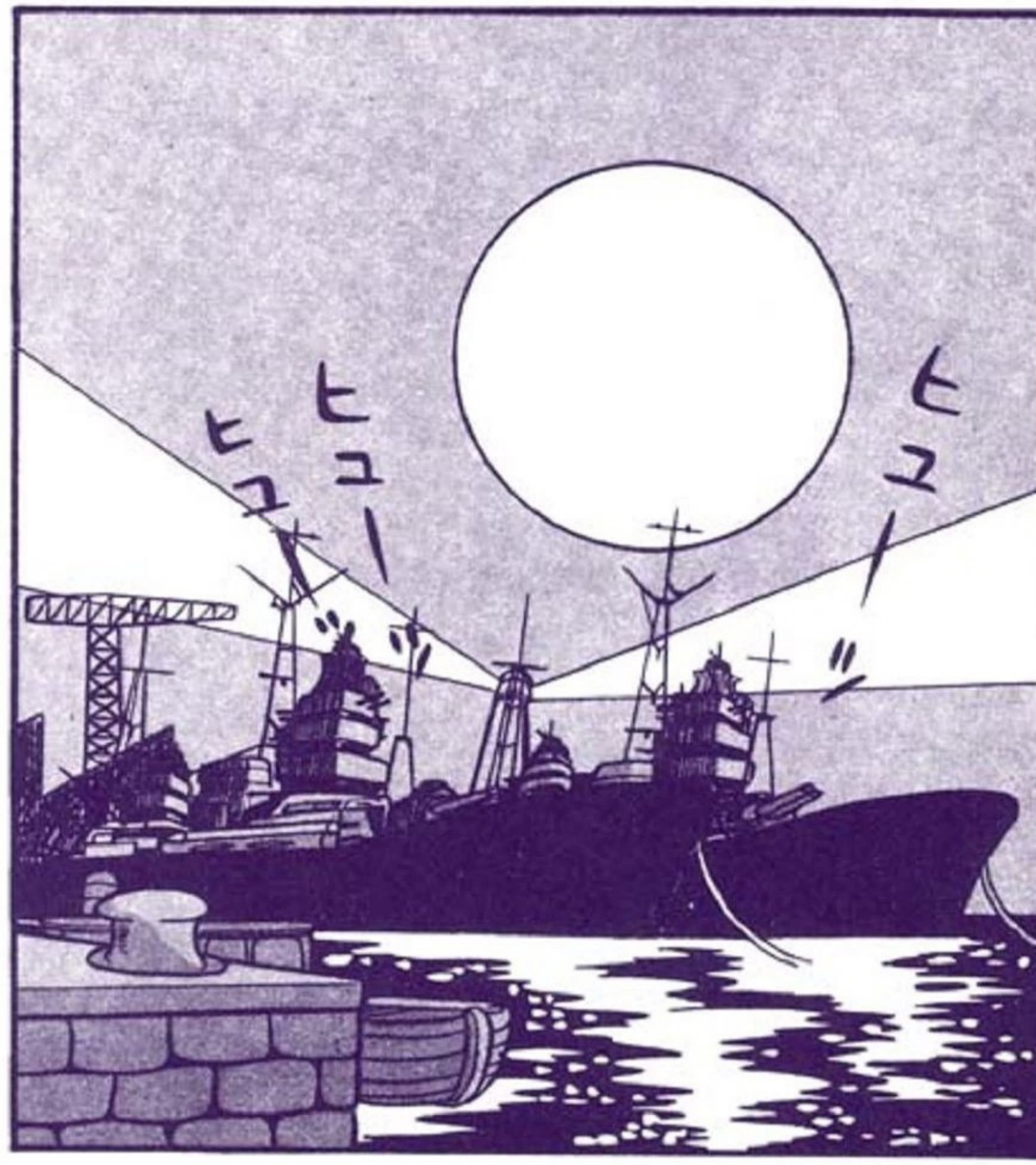
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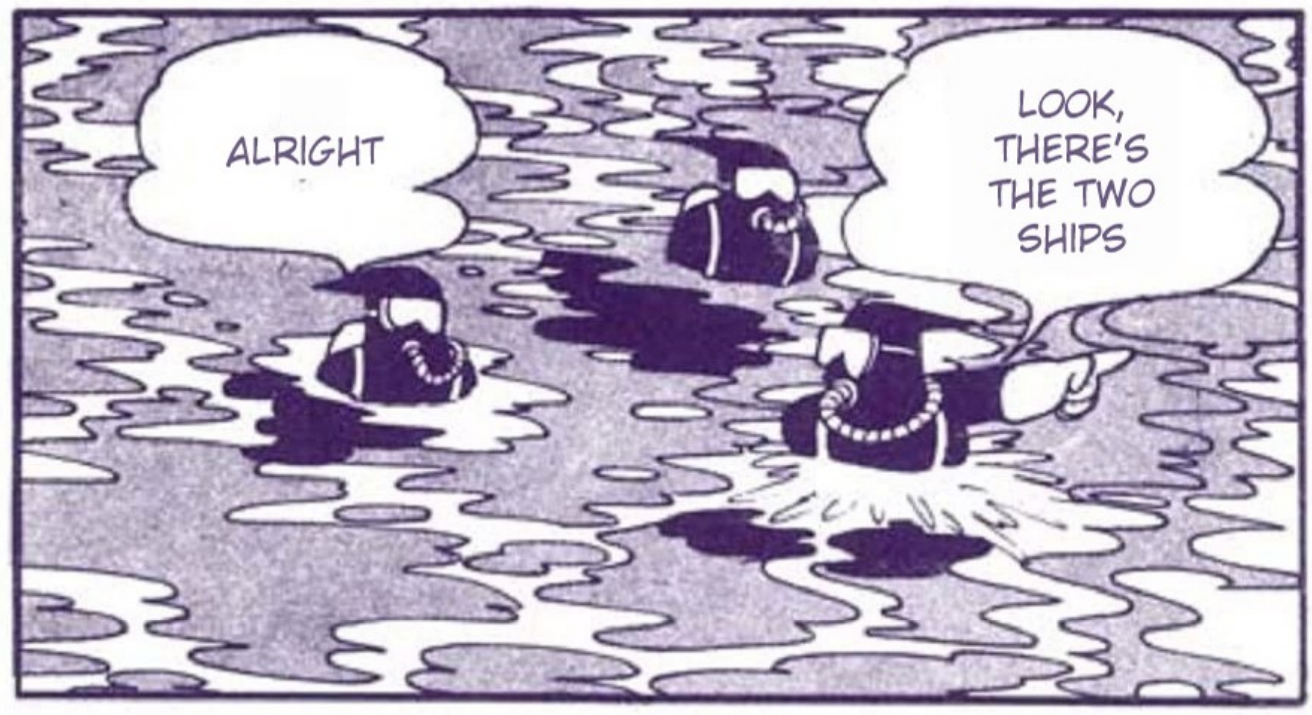
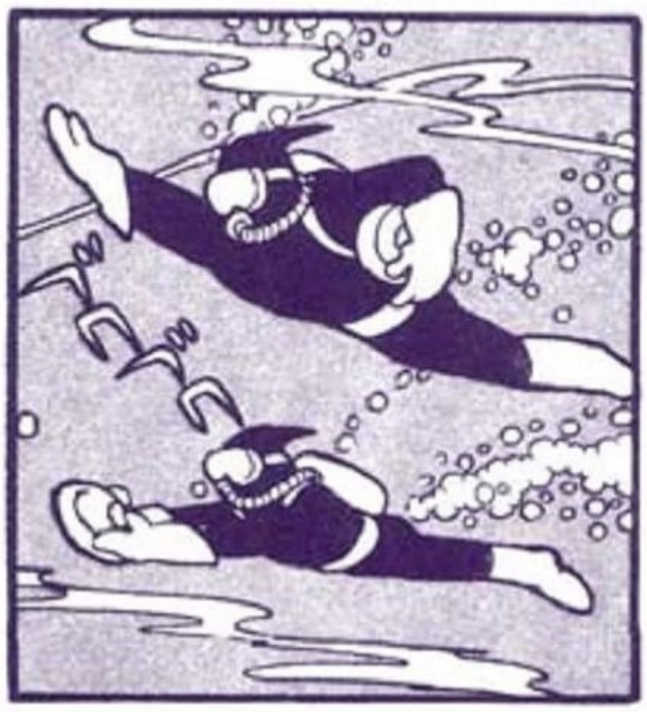
THE TIME IS NOW 20:00, SO MAKE SURE THE BOMB DETONATES AT 21:00

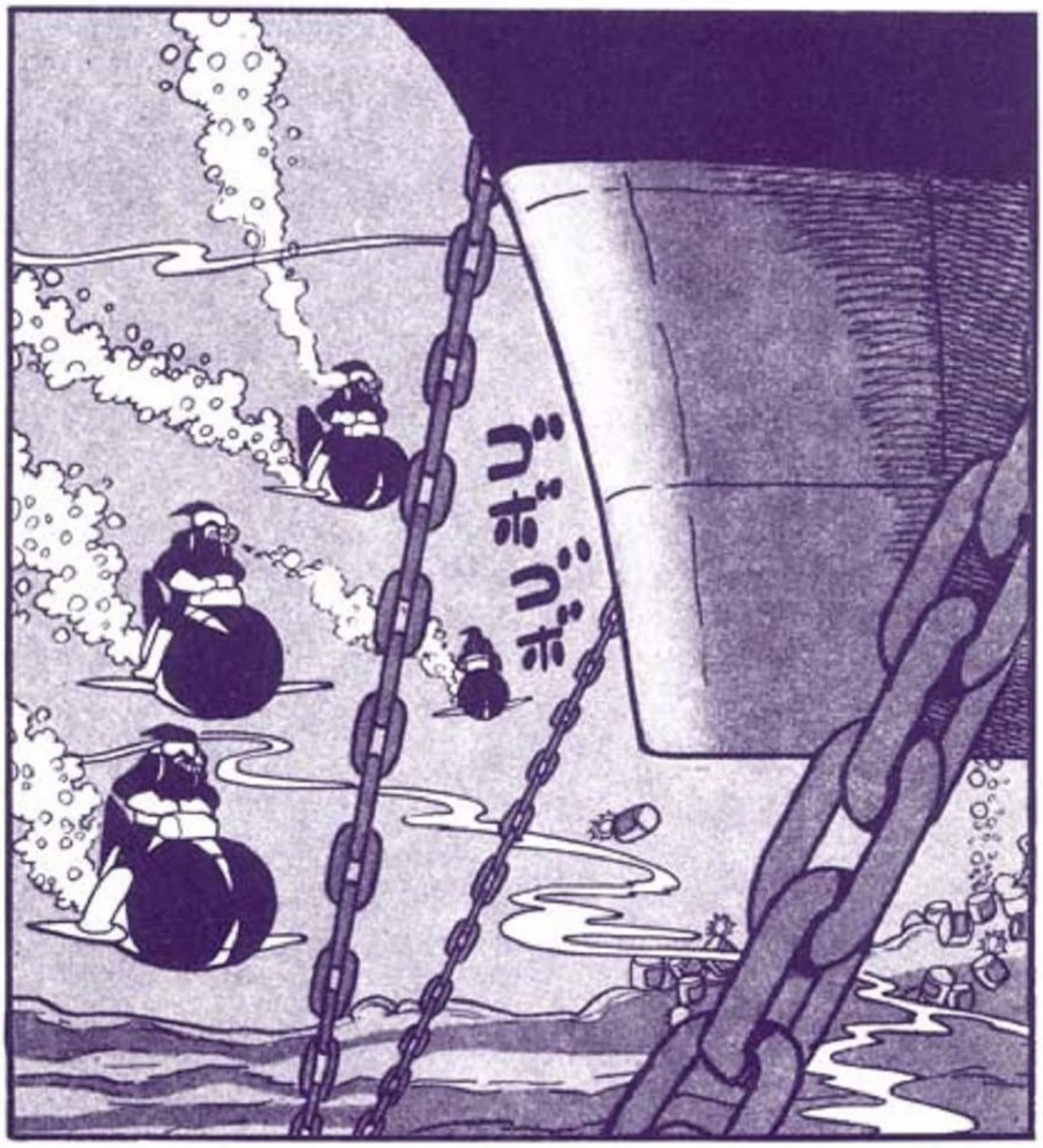

ALRIGHT
LOOK, THERE'S THE TWO SHIPS

TOO BAD SHOTARO ISN'T ON THE BOAT, THEN WE COULD AVOID THIS EXTRA HASSLE
OUR ALLIES HAVE BEEN TRACKING SHOTARO FOR QUITE A WHILE, SO IT'LL BE EASY TO FIND HIM

ATTACH IT TO THE SHIP AND THEN WE GO AFTER SHOTARO

GET GOING

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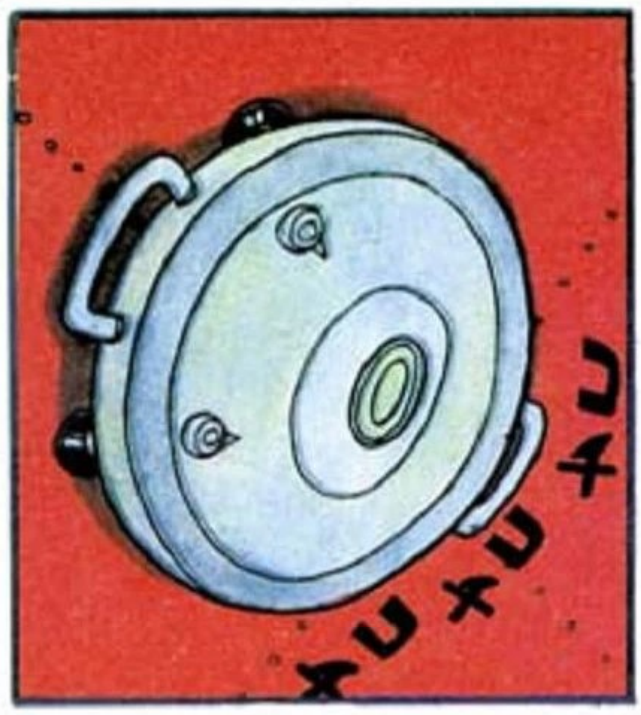
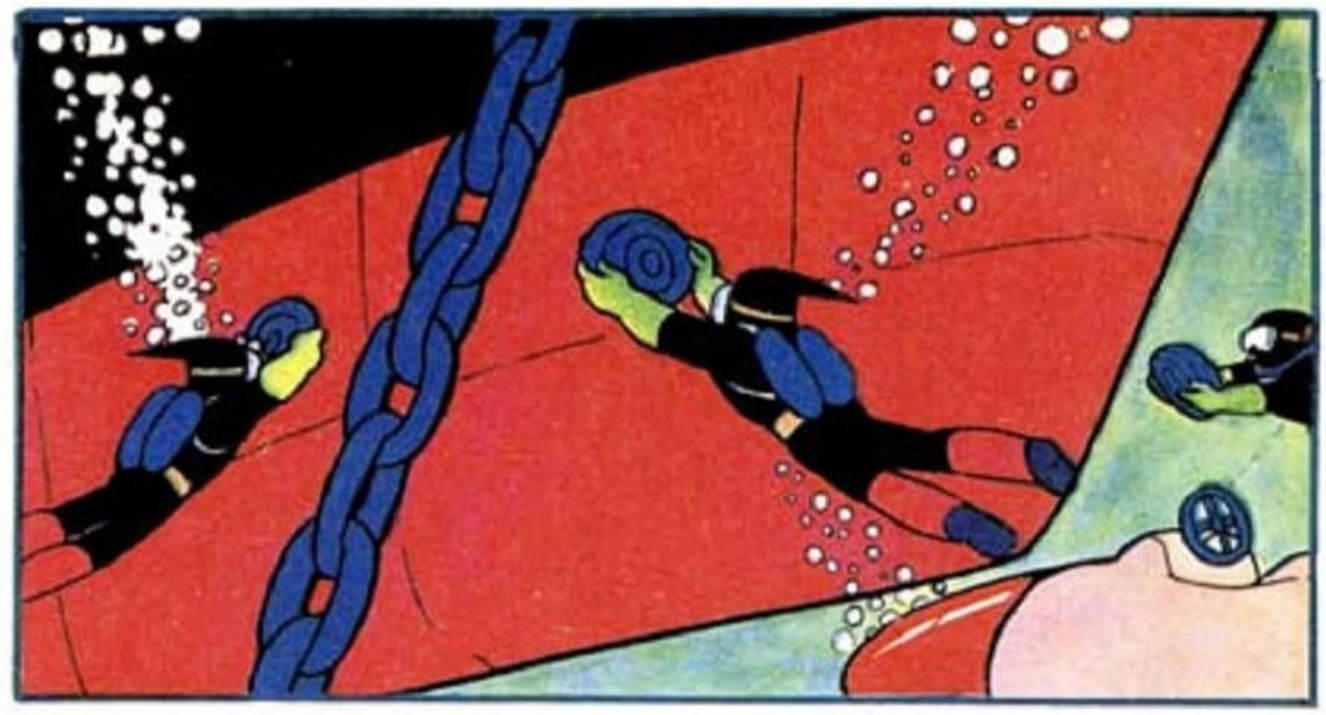
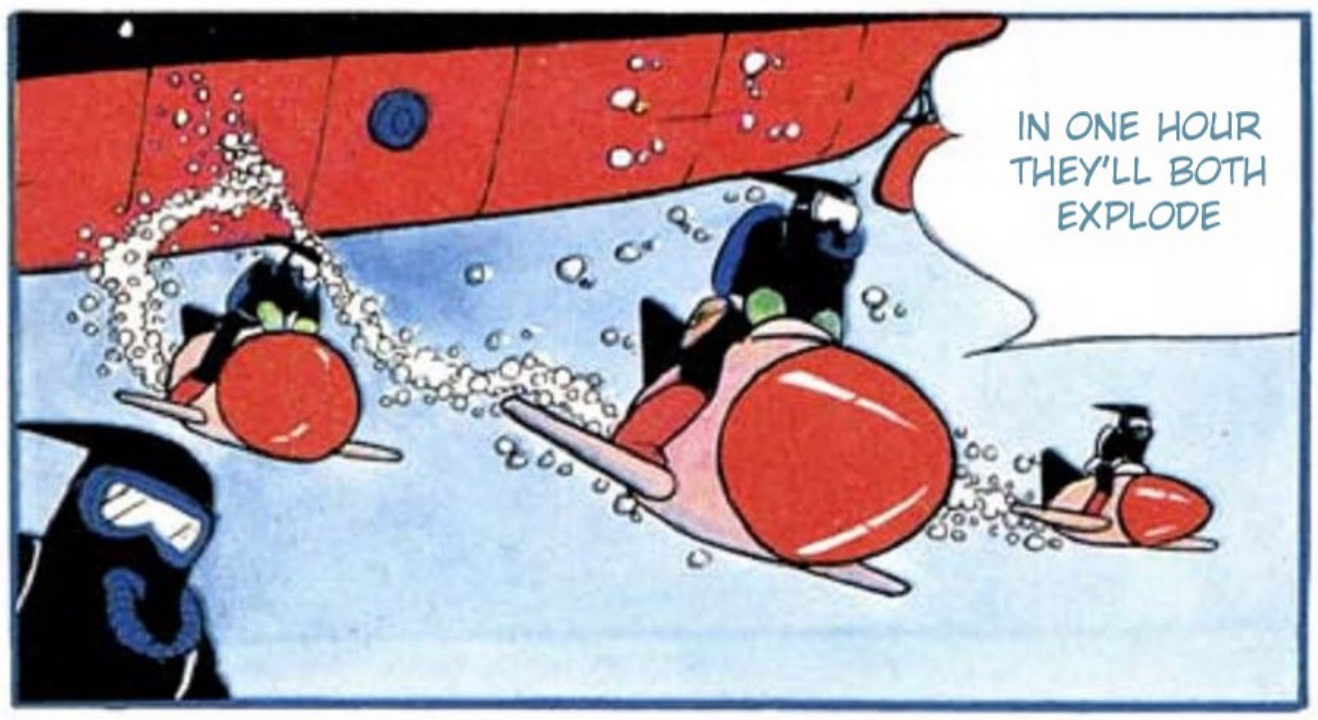
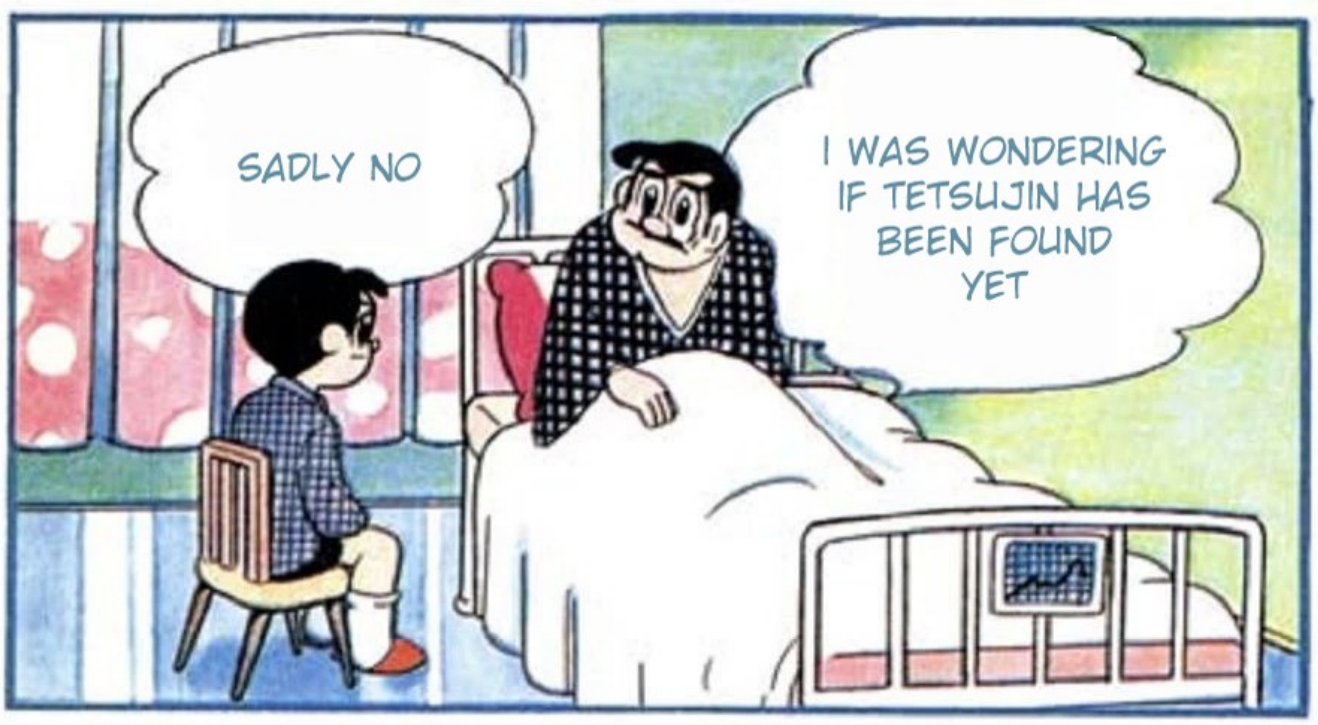





IN ONE HOUR THEY'LL BOTH EXPLODE

OKAY, GOT IT!


SADLY NO
I WAS WONDERING IF TETSUJIN HAS BEEN FOUND YET

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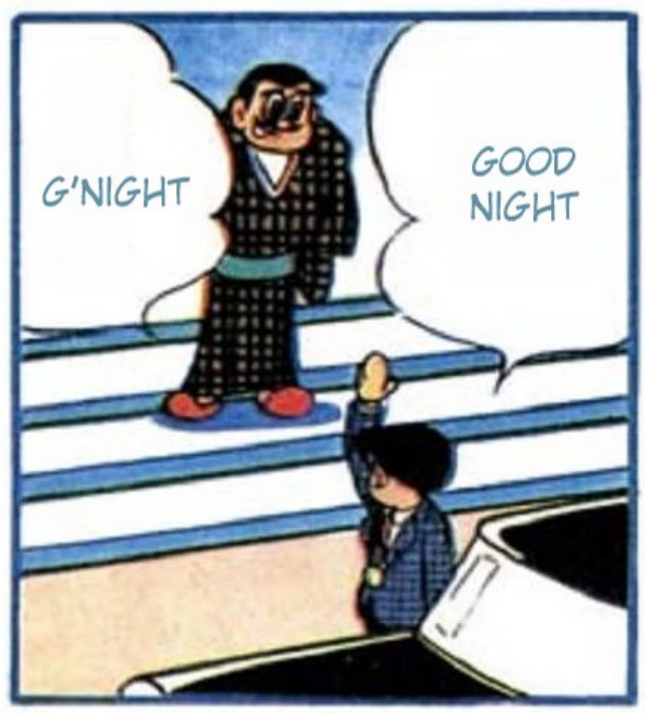
DO YOUR BEST
I'LL WORK AT IT FOR THE BOTH OF US!

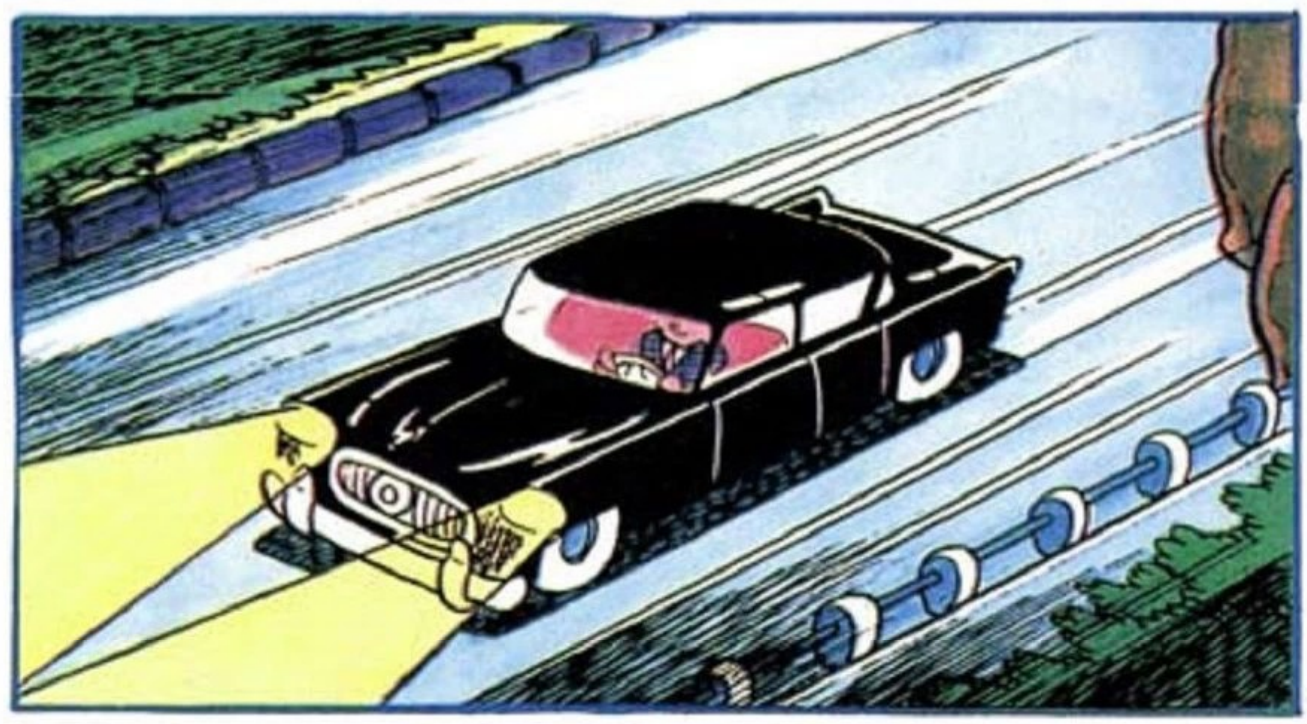
I WISH I COULD GO WITH YOU

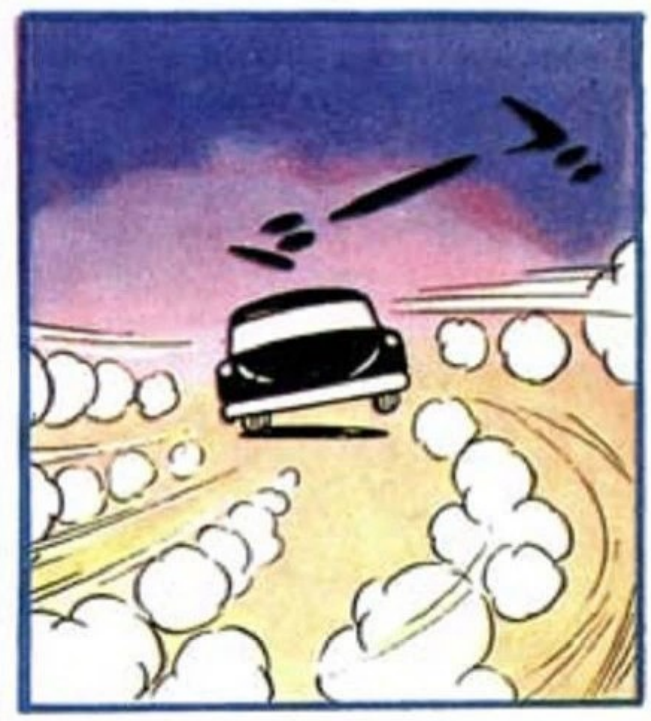
HEH HEH THAT'S THE SPIRIT
BUT I'M SURE WE'LL FIND HIM SOON. HOPEFULLY TOMORROW


G'NIGHT
GOOD NIGHT

I WILL
JUST HANG TIGHT

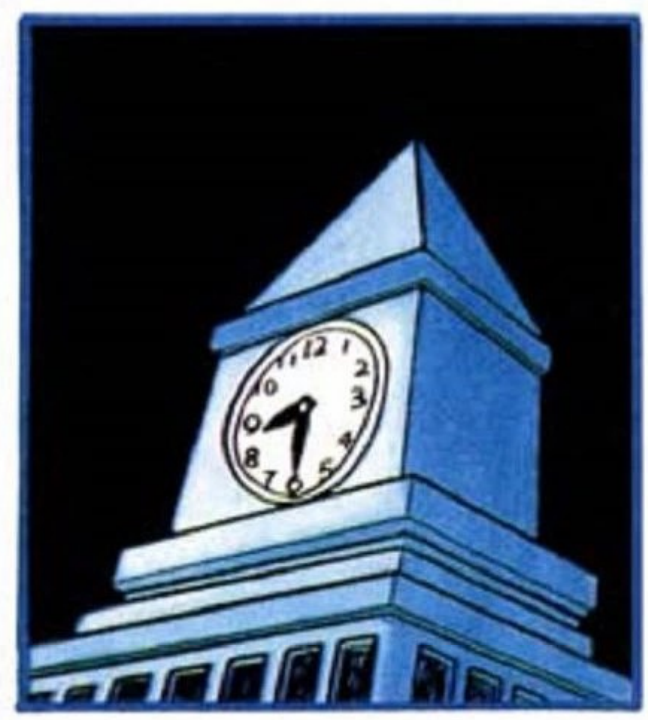
HM
I HAVE TO LEAVE SO I CAN GET ON THE SHIP EARLY IN THE MORNING. I'LL BE BACK LATER

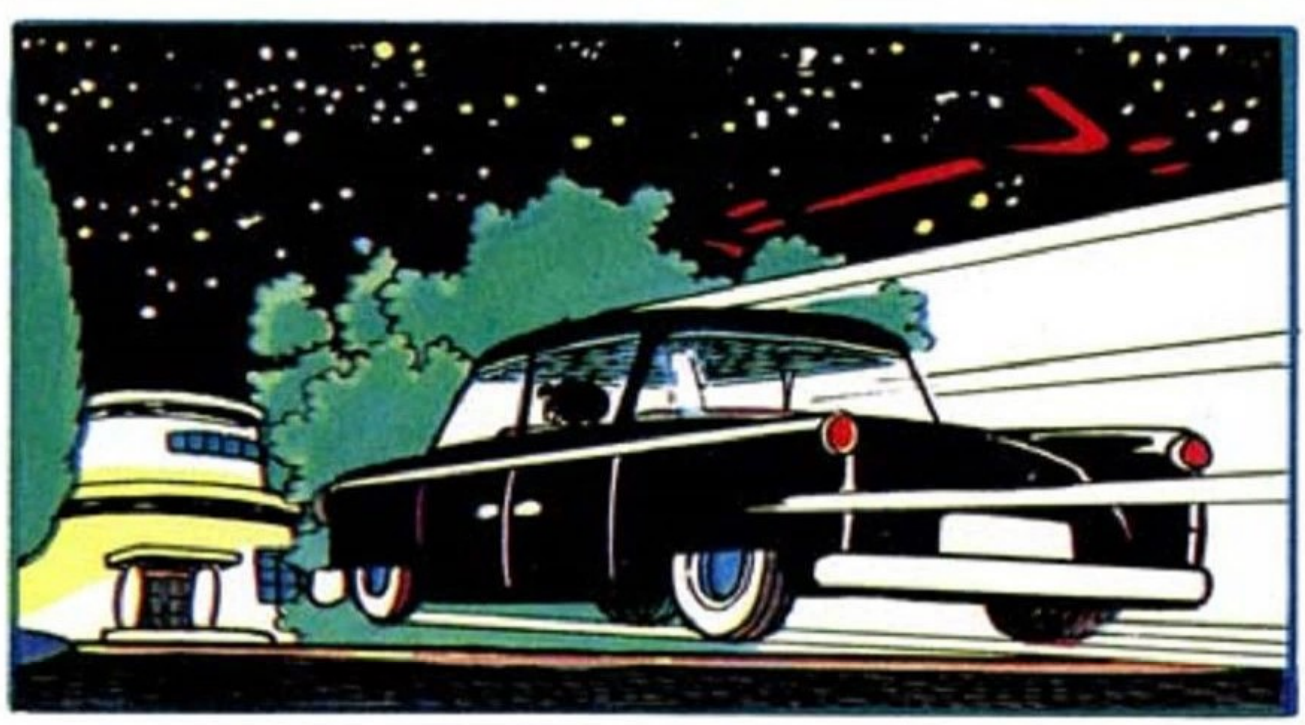


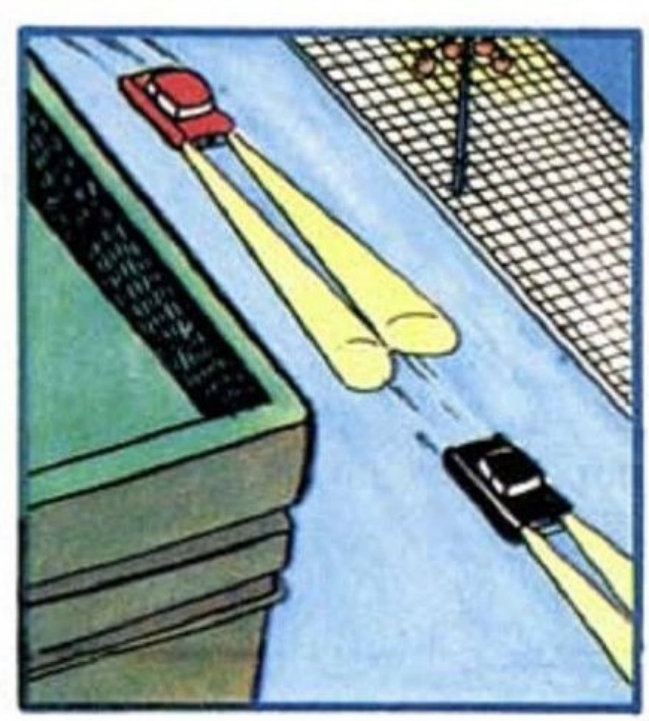


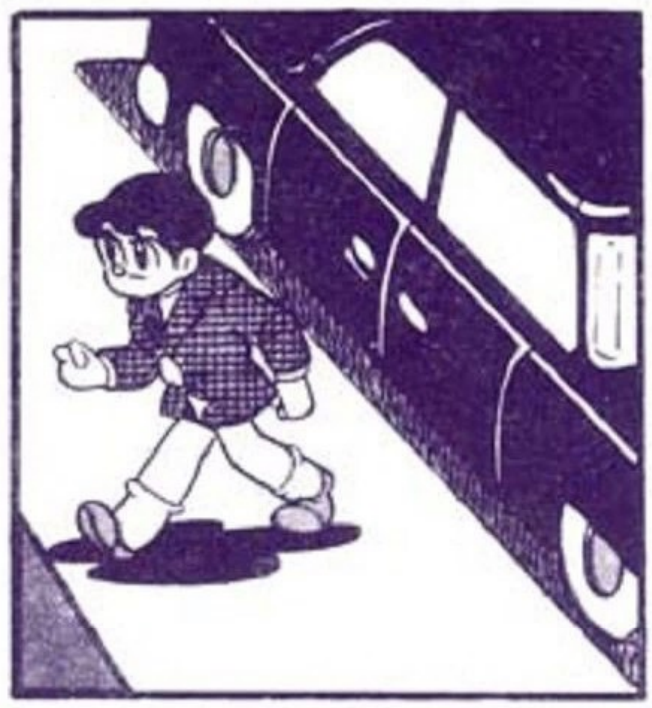
I'VE BEEN TALKING WITH THE CHIEF ALL DAY

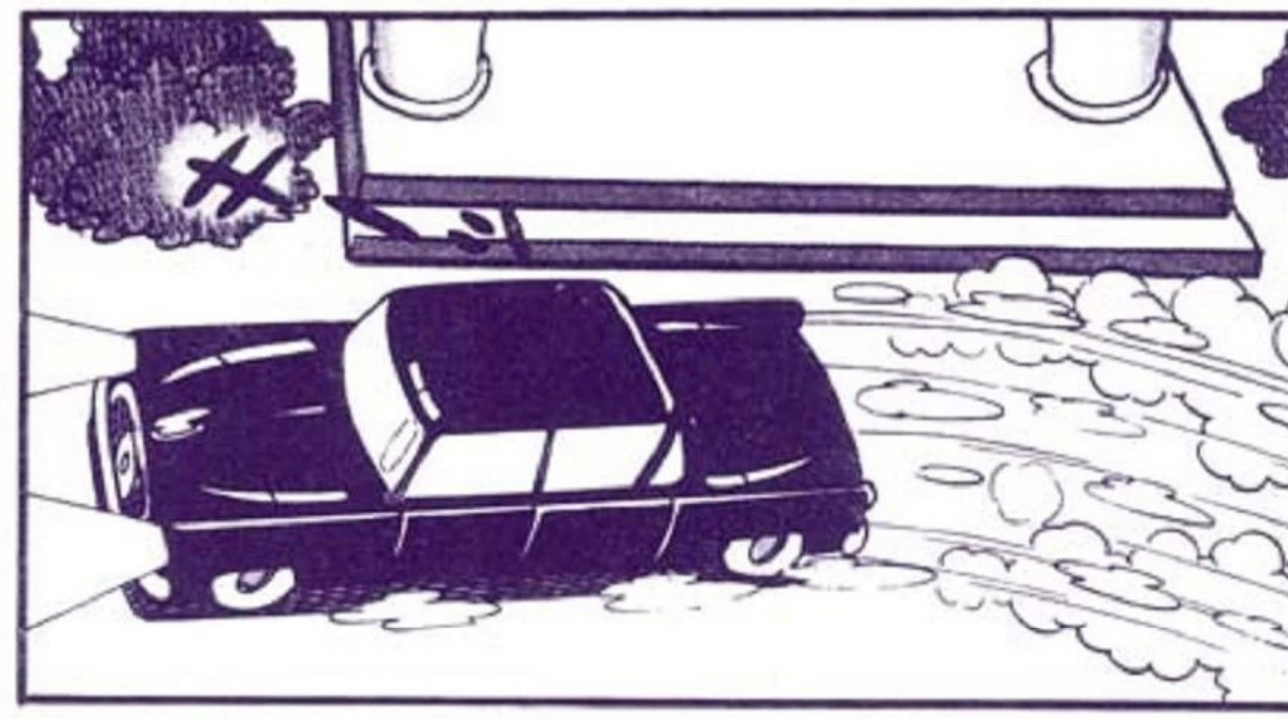
OH, IT'S 8:30 PM ALREADY?











HE HE HE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU SHOTARO

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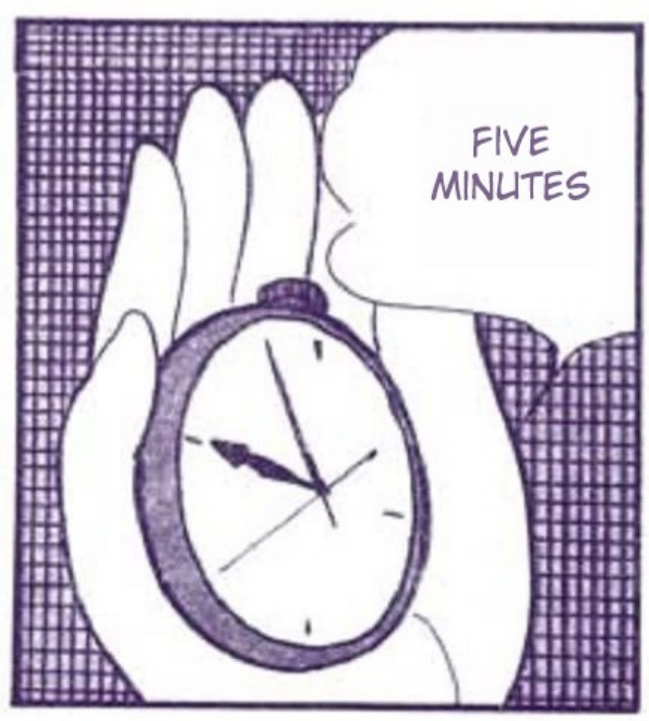
WE'LL TAKE A REST HERE UNTIL 21:00

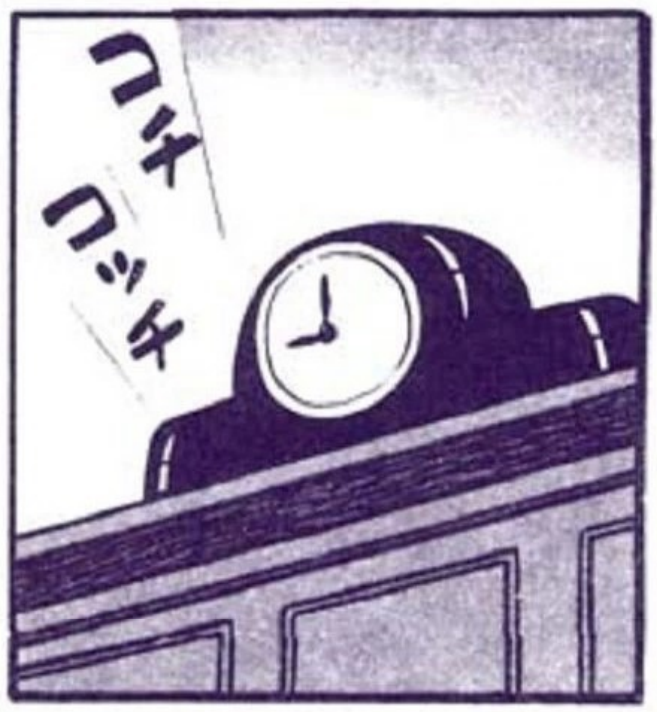
SHIT!
I'LL TAKE THAT!

OH DON'T TRY TO GO FOR YOUR GUN
THE FROGMAN FROM MADARA ROCKS!

HA HA HA
YOU GUYS HAVE SOMETHING PLANNED FOR 10 O'CLOCK?


FIVE MINUTES

AFTER 21:00 I'LL TAKE OFF FROM HERE AND I'LL BE TAKING YOUR LIFE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HMM
JUST SHUT UP AND WATCH. YOU'LL SEE

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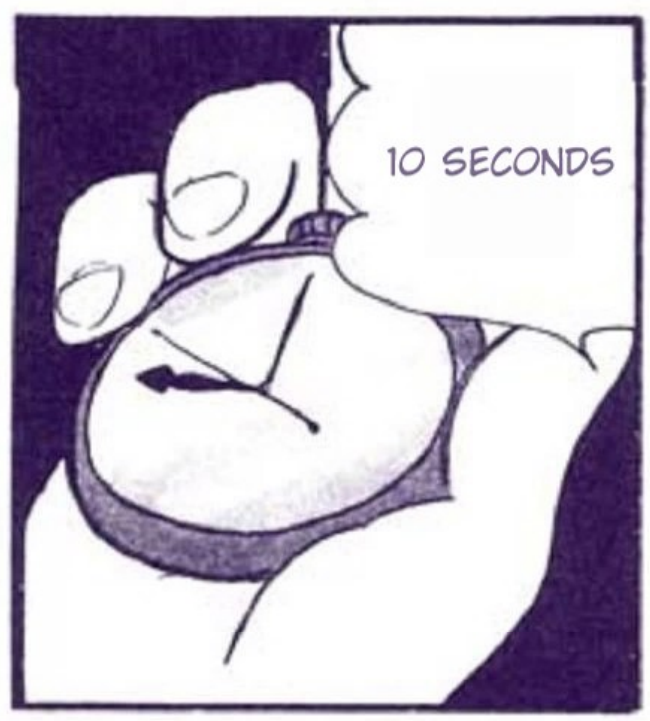
FOUR...
THREE...
TWO...


10 SECONDS

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WHAT WAS THAT?

KA-BOOM!

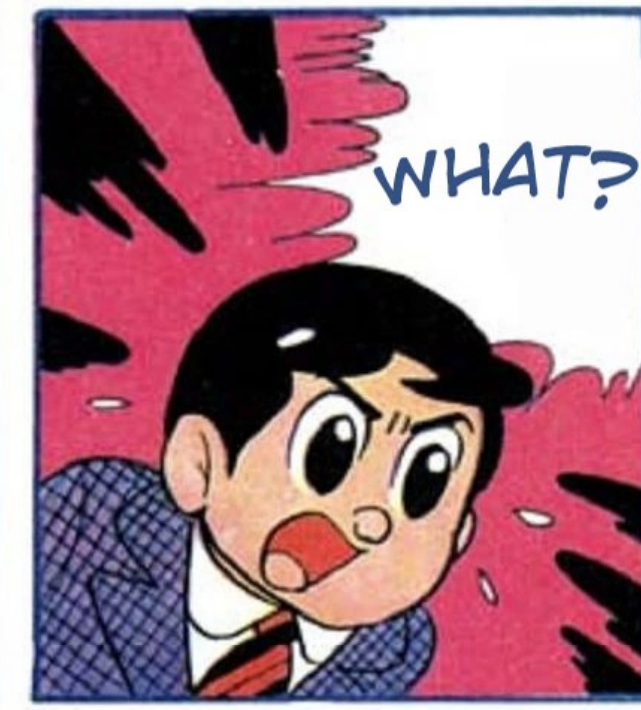
HA HA HA! SUCCESS!

I'LL TELL YOU... IT WAS THE SECURITY SHIPS THE "IWAKAZE" AND "HIKARI"

UH HUH
SHOTARO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE EXPLOSION WAS?

EXACTLY! IT'S NOT GOOD TO GO NEAR MADARA ROCKS RIGHT NOW

SO YOU KNEW WE WERE RETURNING TO MADARA ROCKS TOMORROW MORNING AND YOU DID THIS!


WHAT?

THAT TASK IS EXECUTING YOU!

NOW THAT WE'VE FINISHED THAT JOB, WE HAVE ONE MORE TO "EXECUTE"

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
AND THAT'S A SIMPLE TASK
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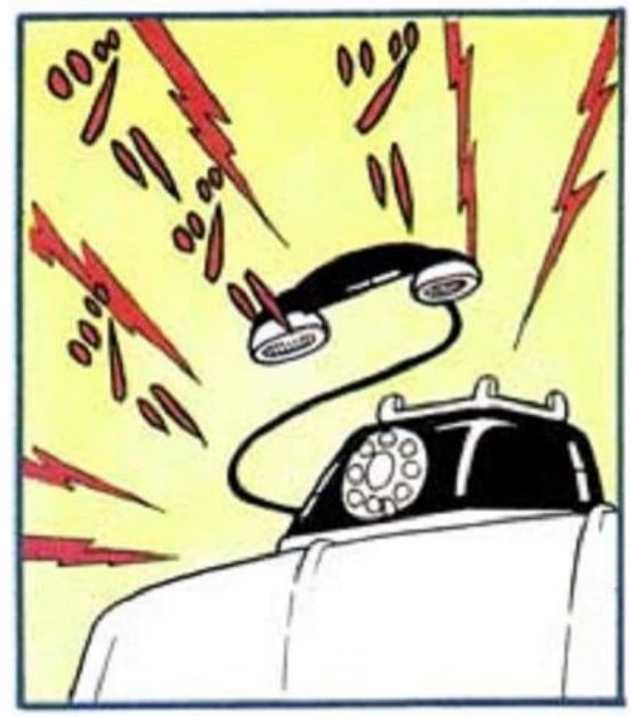


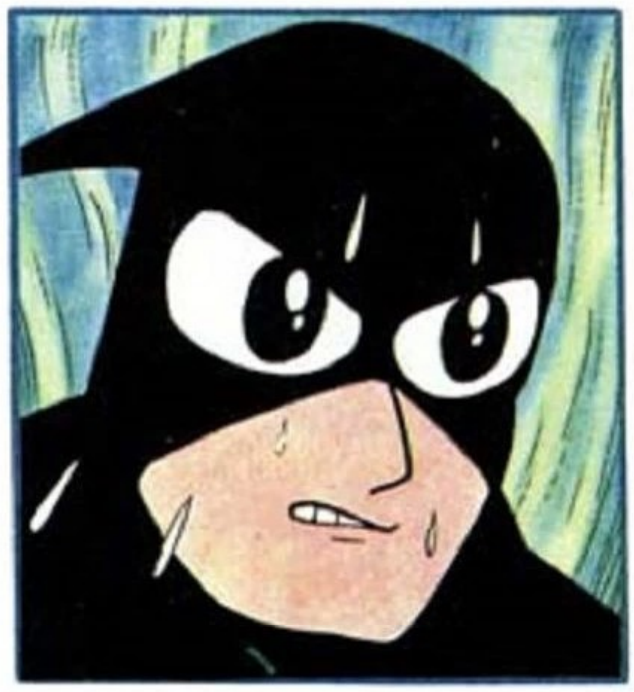
IF YOU FIRE NOW, THEY'LL HEAR THE GUN SHOT!

HEY!

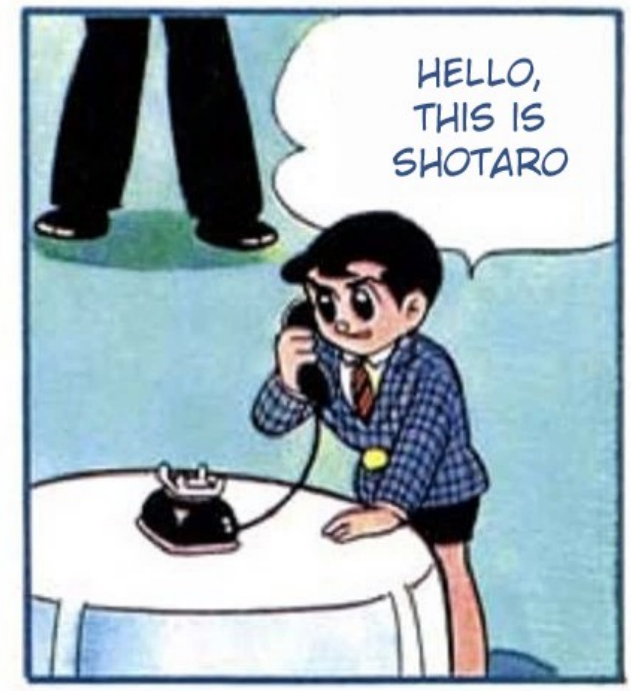
BUT IF YOU SAY ANYTHING OUT OF LINE, YOU'LL GET SOME OF THIS!

WELL, ANSWER IT OR THEY'LL GET SUSPICIOUS

GRRR! FREAKIN' KID!



OH, IT'S YOU CHIEF


HELLO, THIS IS SHOTARO

I HAVE A VISITOR RIGHT NOW, BUT I'LL BE OVER SHORTLY

HEH HEH YOU'RE A PRETTY GOOD ACTOR

YES? THE "IWAKAZE" AND "HIKARI" WERE BLOWN UP. YEAH I HEARD ABOUT IT.

OH, I'M JUST TALKING TO MY VISITOR...
WHAT'S WRONG SHOTARO? ARE YOU OKAY?

DON'T WORRY EVERYTHING IS FINE

DON'T TALK NONSENSE. THAT'S THE LAST THING YOU WANT TO DO

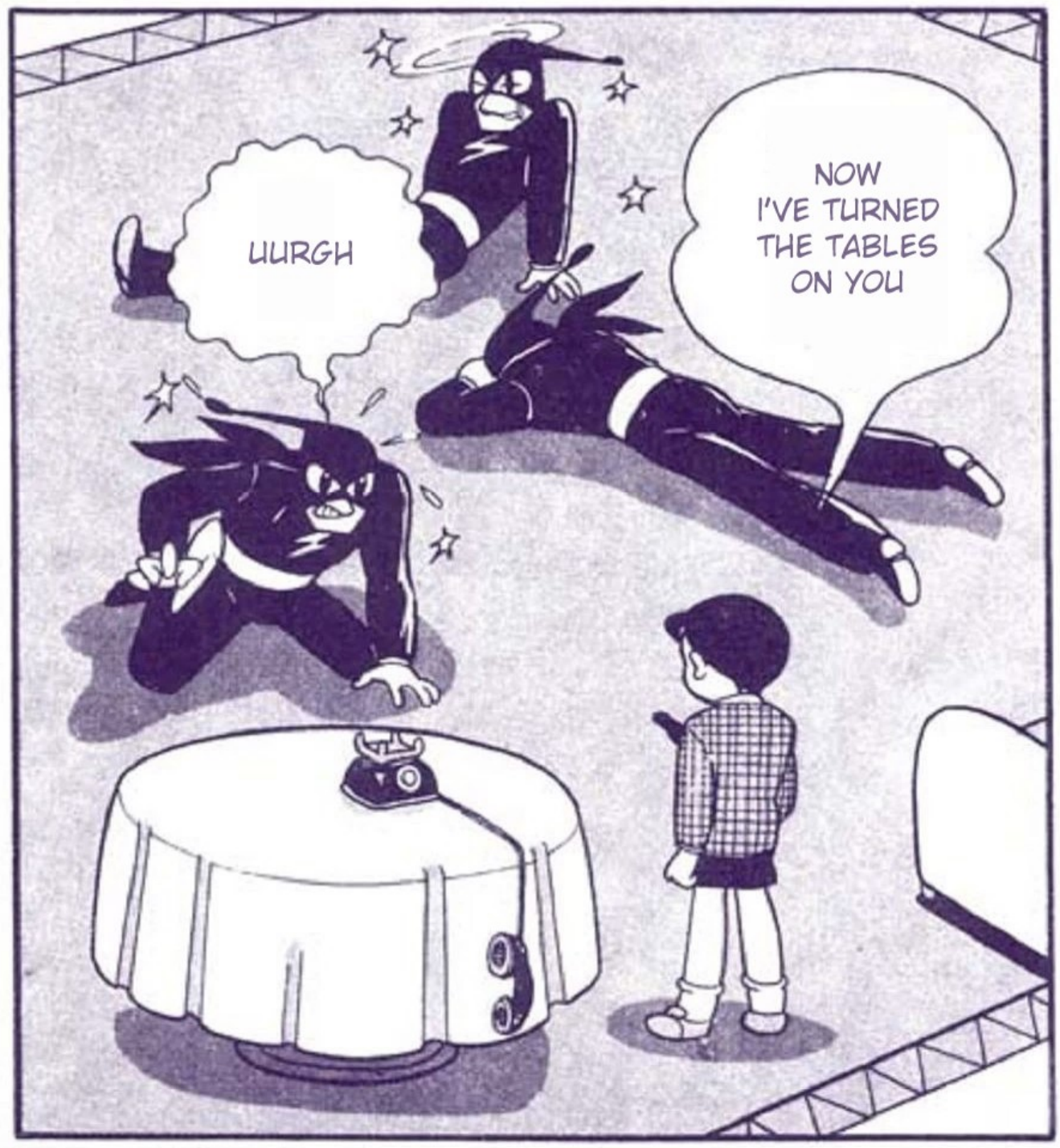
YES, YES I'LL DO IT NOW

OH! I DIDN'T KNOW THAT

WHAT?
PLEASE HOLD ON FOR A SEC, CHIEF!

SOME-THING'S WRONG
HEH HEH HEH

HEY, CUT THE CRAP, KID!



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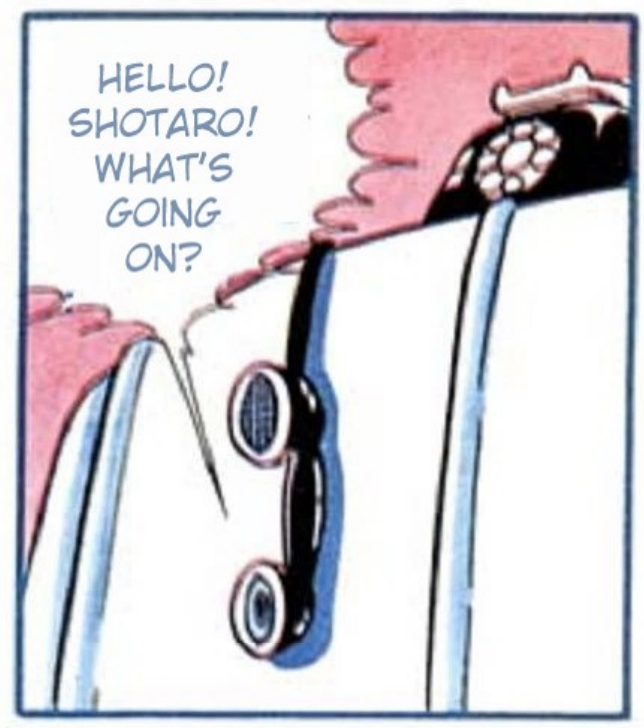
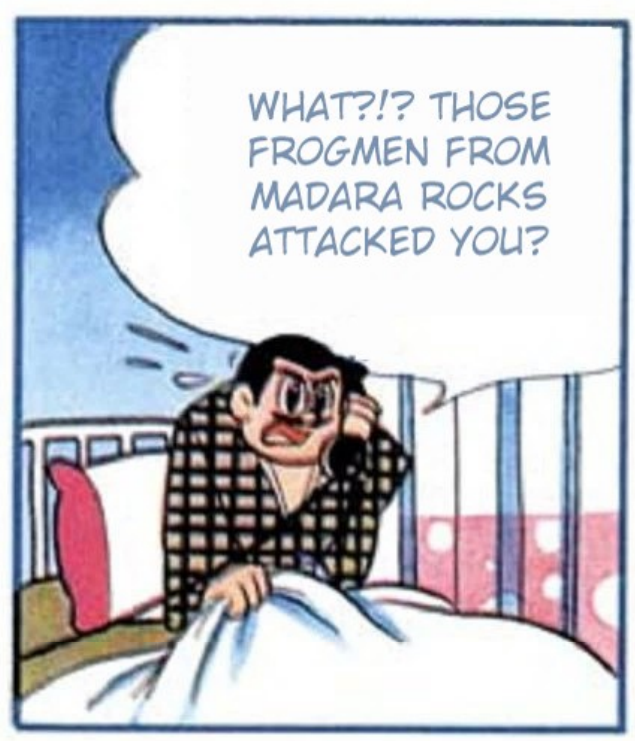
WHAT'S HAPPENING? YOU WERE ON THE PHONE THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU WERE GONE, NOW YOU'RE BACK ....

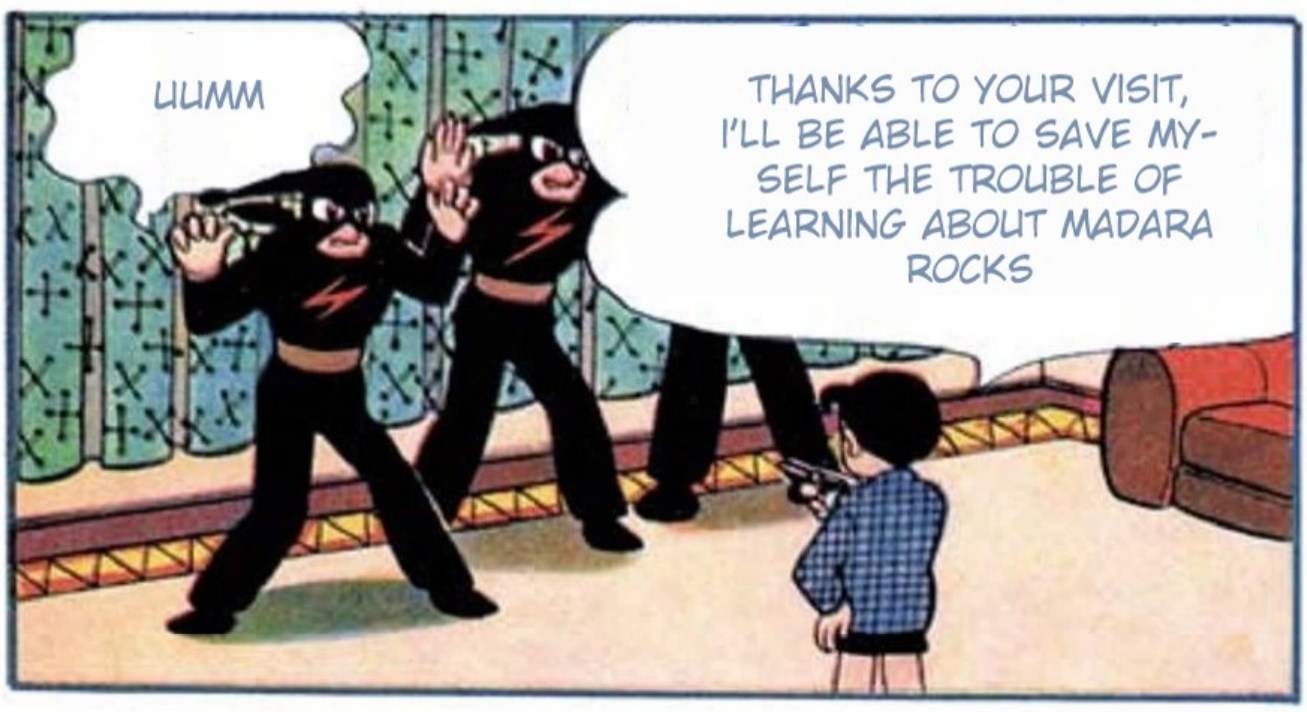
SORRY FOR THE DELAY, CHIEF


HELLO! SHOTARO! WHAT'S GOING ON?

YES, SIR. PLEASE SEND THE POLICE OVER RIGHT AWAY

I DIDN'T REALIZE YOUR MEN HAD AN ELECTRIC CARPET PUT IN. I WAS SURE I WAS GONNA DIE!


WHAT?!? THOSE FROGMEN FROM MADARA ROCKS ATTACKED YOU?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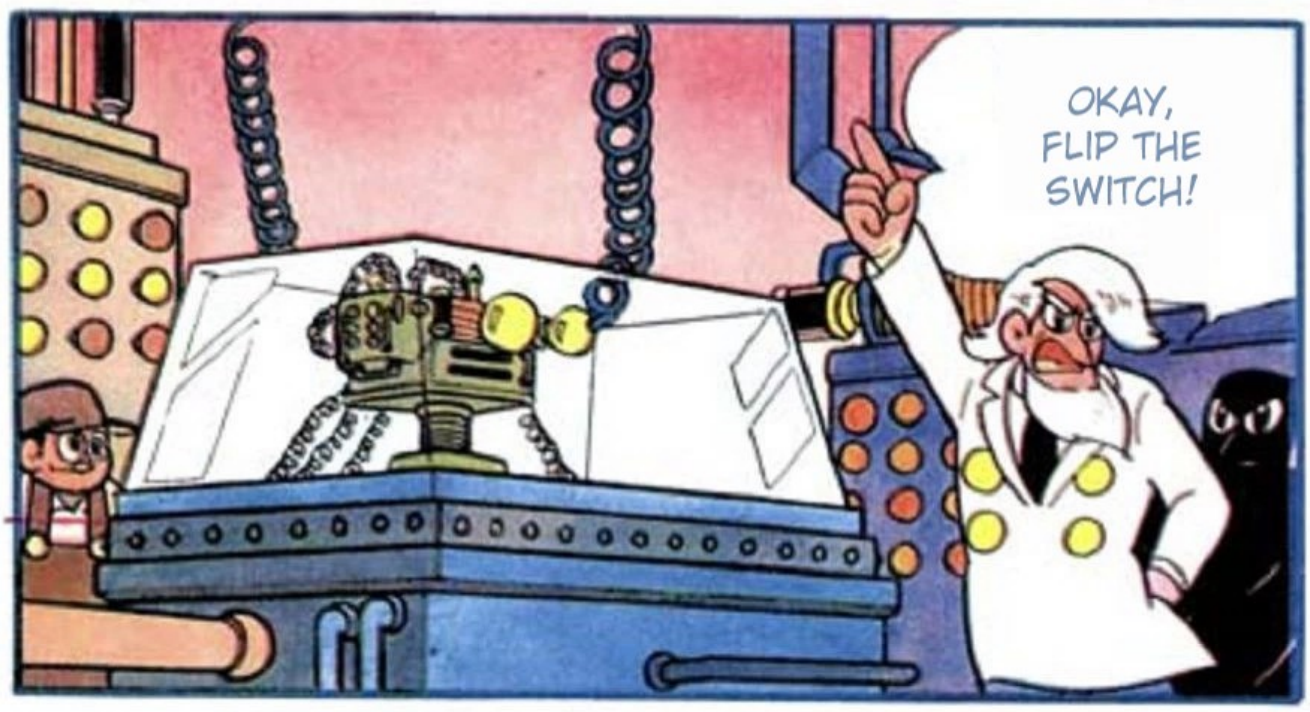
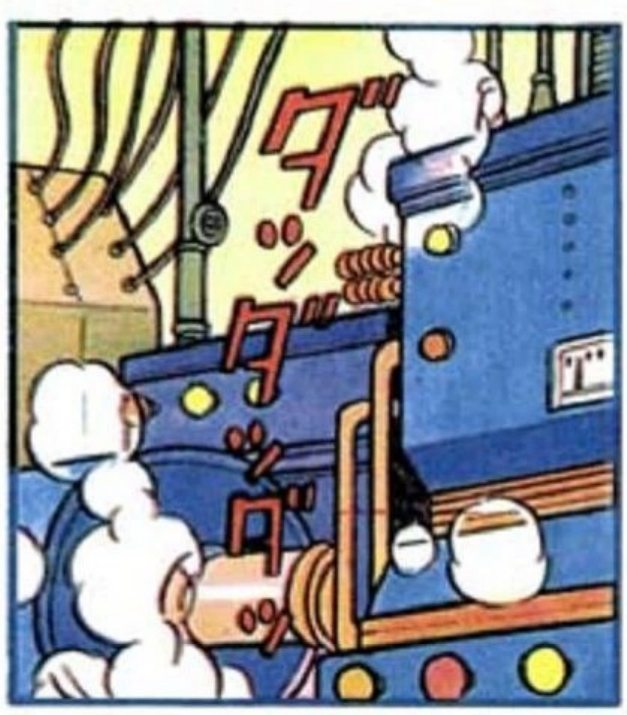
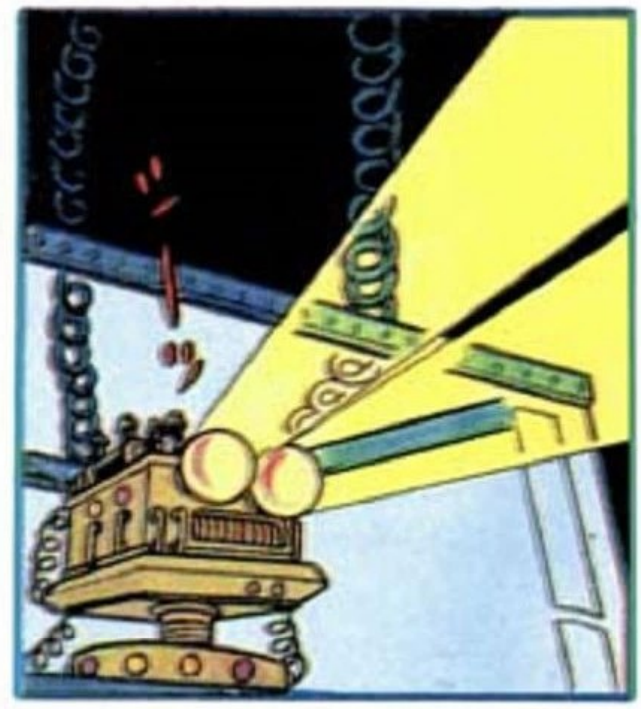
THANKS TO YOUR VISIT, I'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE MY-SELF THE TROUBLE OF LEARNING ABOUT MADARA ROCKS

HEH HEH THE POLICE WILL BE HERE SOON TO PICK YOU UP


OKAY, FLIP THE SWITCH!





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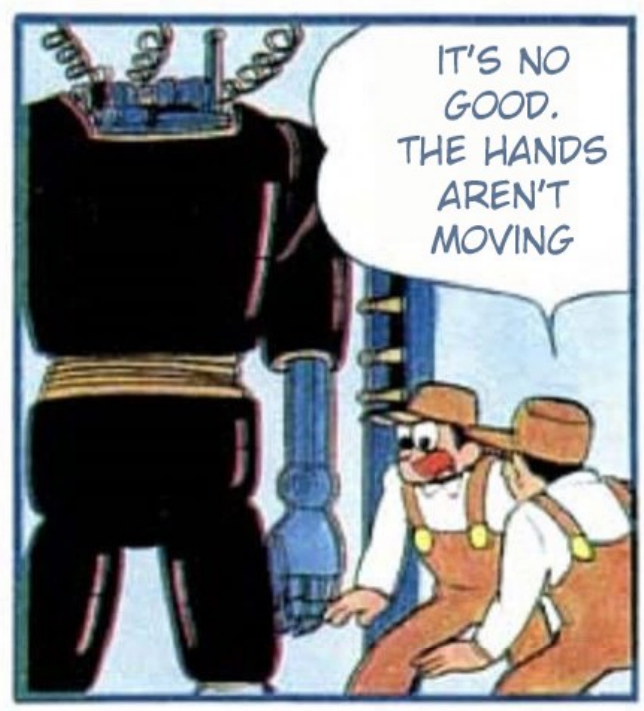
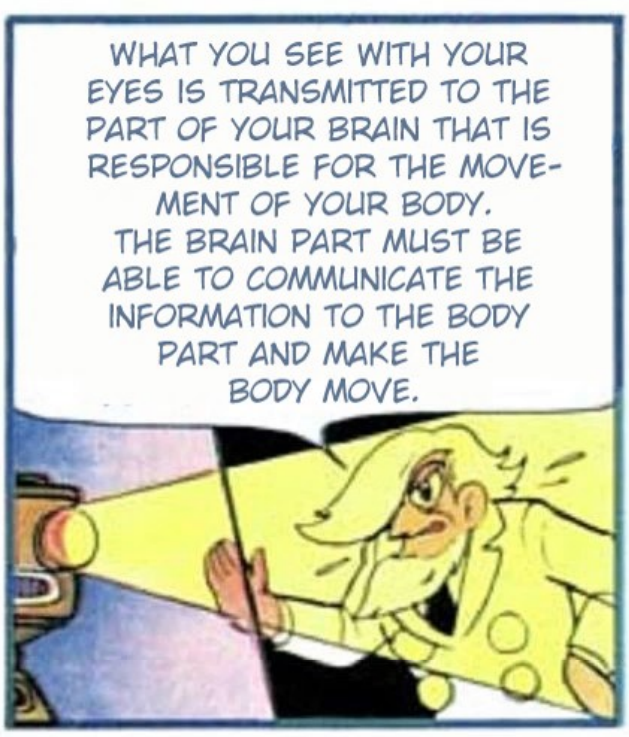
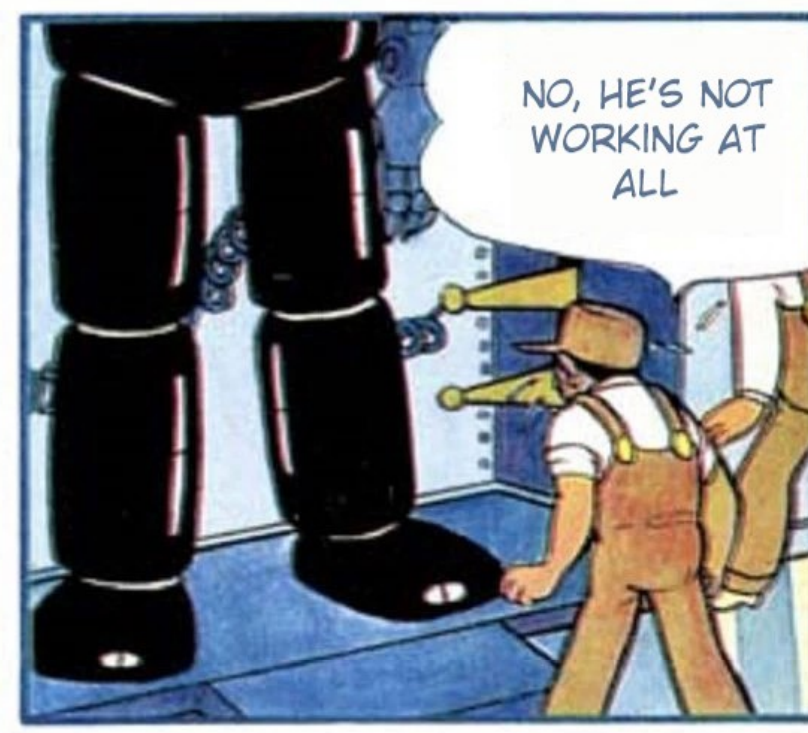
PAY VERY CLOSE ATTENTION. IF HE MOVES EVEN A LITTLE BIT, YOU LET ME KNOW!


IT'S NO GOOD. THE HANDS AREN'T MOVING

HEY! ARE THE HANDS MOVING?


WHAT YOU SEE WITH YOUR EYES IS TRANSMITTED TO THE PART OF YOUR BRAIN THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MOVEMENT OF YOUR BODY. THE BRAIN PART MUST BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE THE INFORMATION TO THE BODY PART AND MAKE THE BODY MOVE.

HMMM CRAP


NO, HE'S NOT WORKING AT ALL

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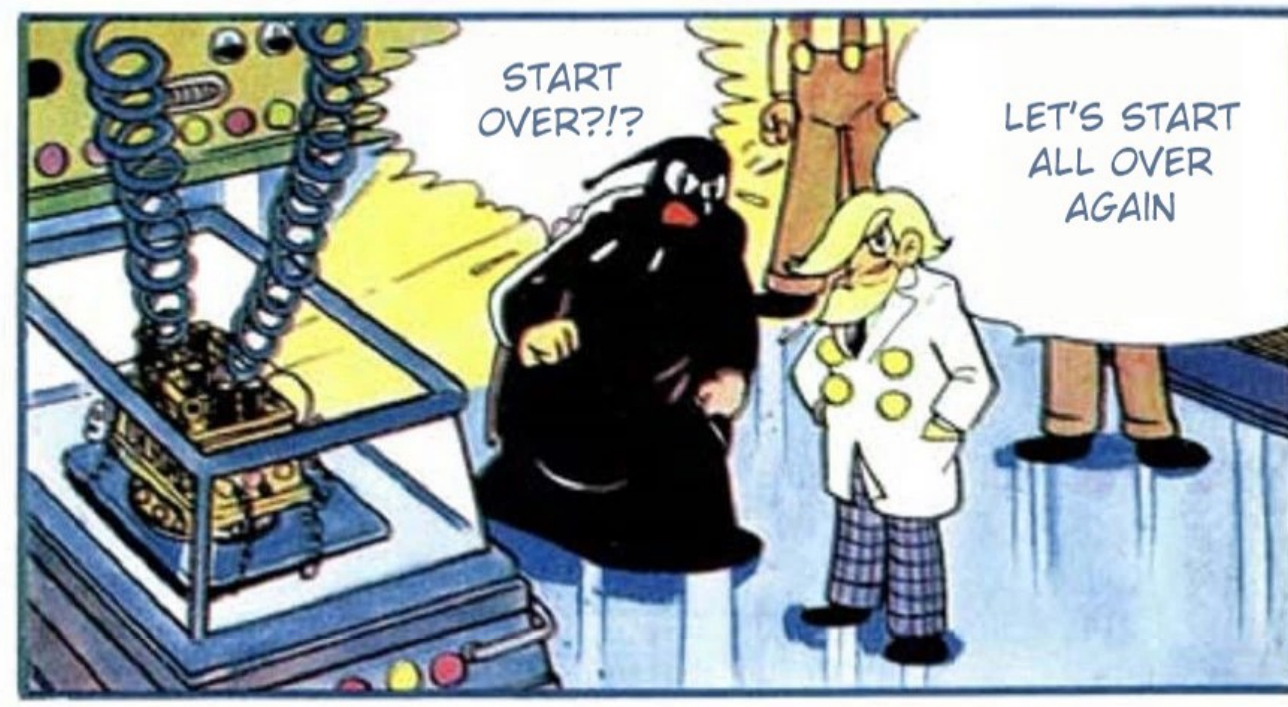
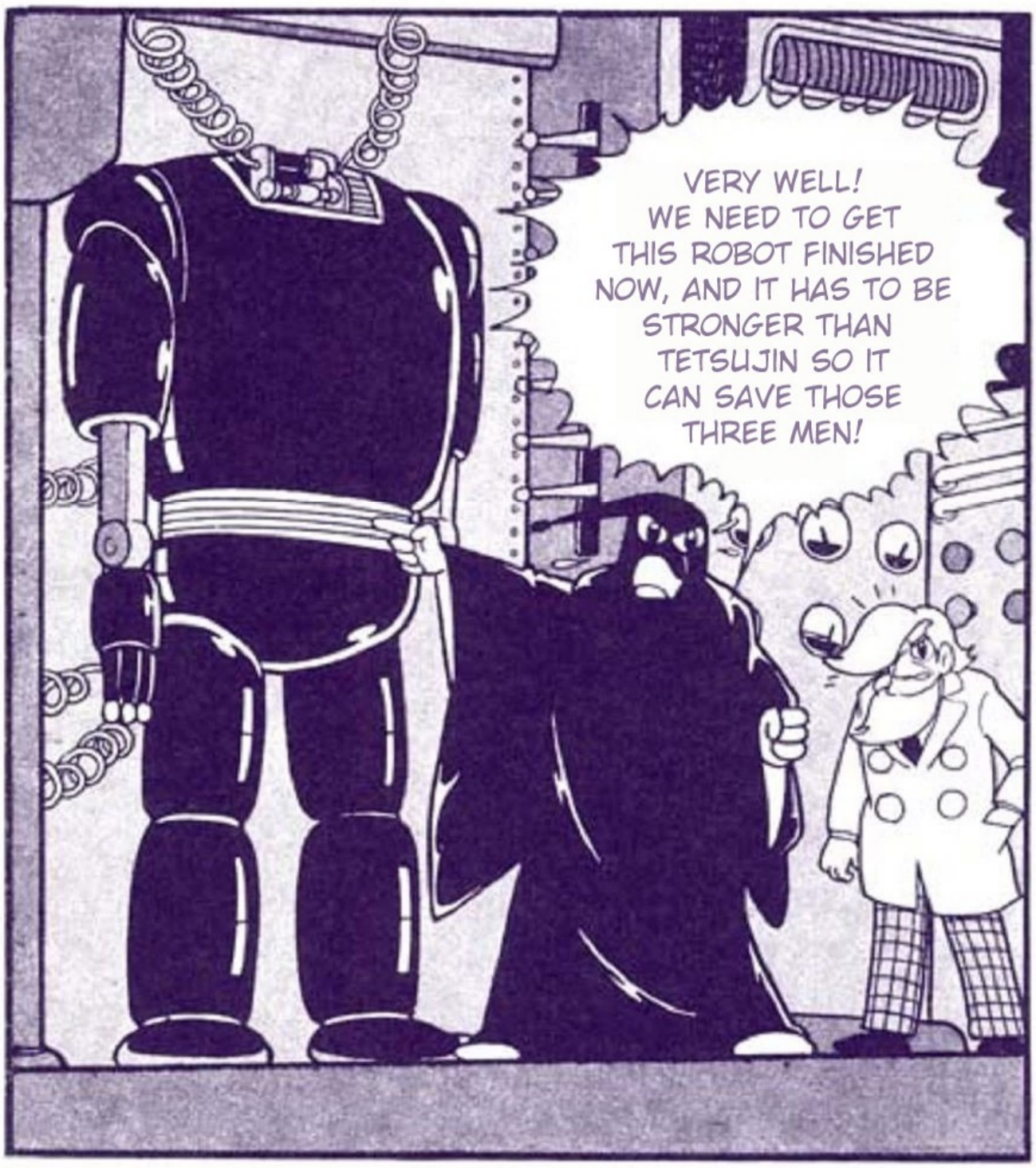

START OVER?!?
LET'S START ALL OVER AGAIN

WHAT??
SHOTAROS ASSASSINS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT!

SIR


VERY WELL! WE NEED TO GET THIS ROBOT FINISHED NOW, AND IT HAS TO BE STRONGER THAN TETSUJIN SO IT CAN SAVE THOSE THREE MEN!

OH BROTHER! THIS IS GETTING WORSE! WE'RE IN TROUBLE

THAT I CAN DO RIGHT NOW
DR. FRANKEN, LEAVING ASIDE THE "THINK LIKE A MAN" PART, HOW FAST CAN YOU FINISH IT AS JUST A NORMAL ROBOT?

LOOK, I KNOW IT'S A RUSH JOB, OKAY?

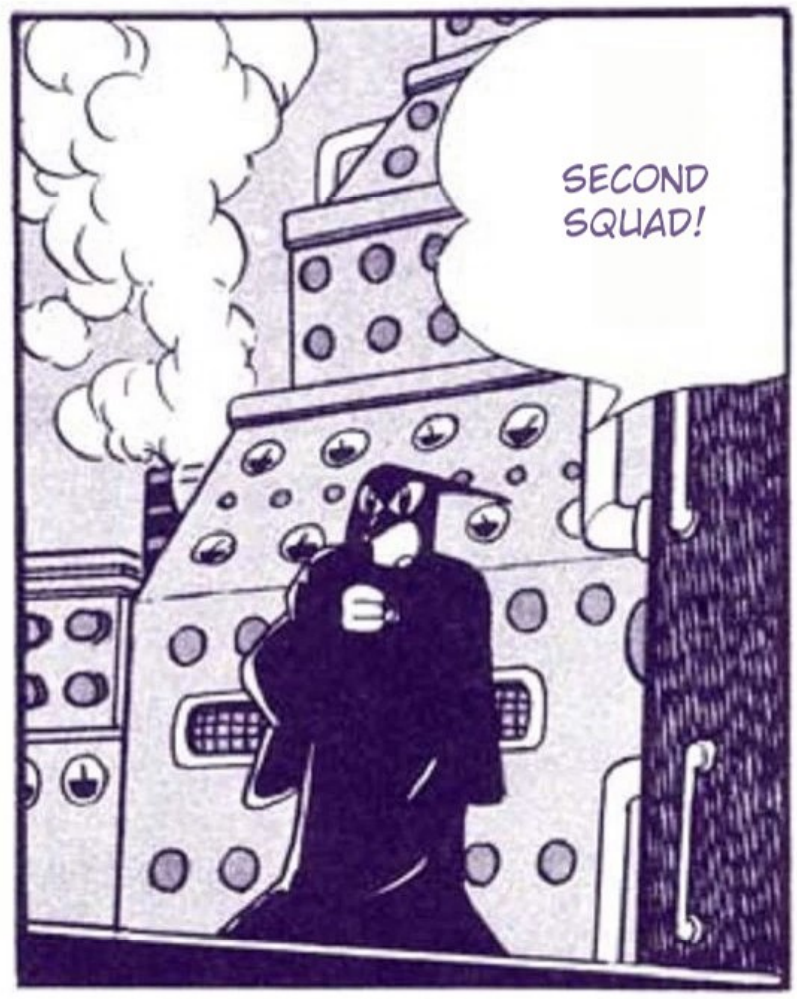
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING IF THEY KNOW OUR SECRET. THE FIRST THING WE NEED TO DO IS PROTECT OURSELVES.

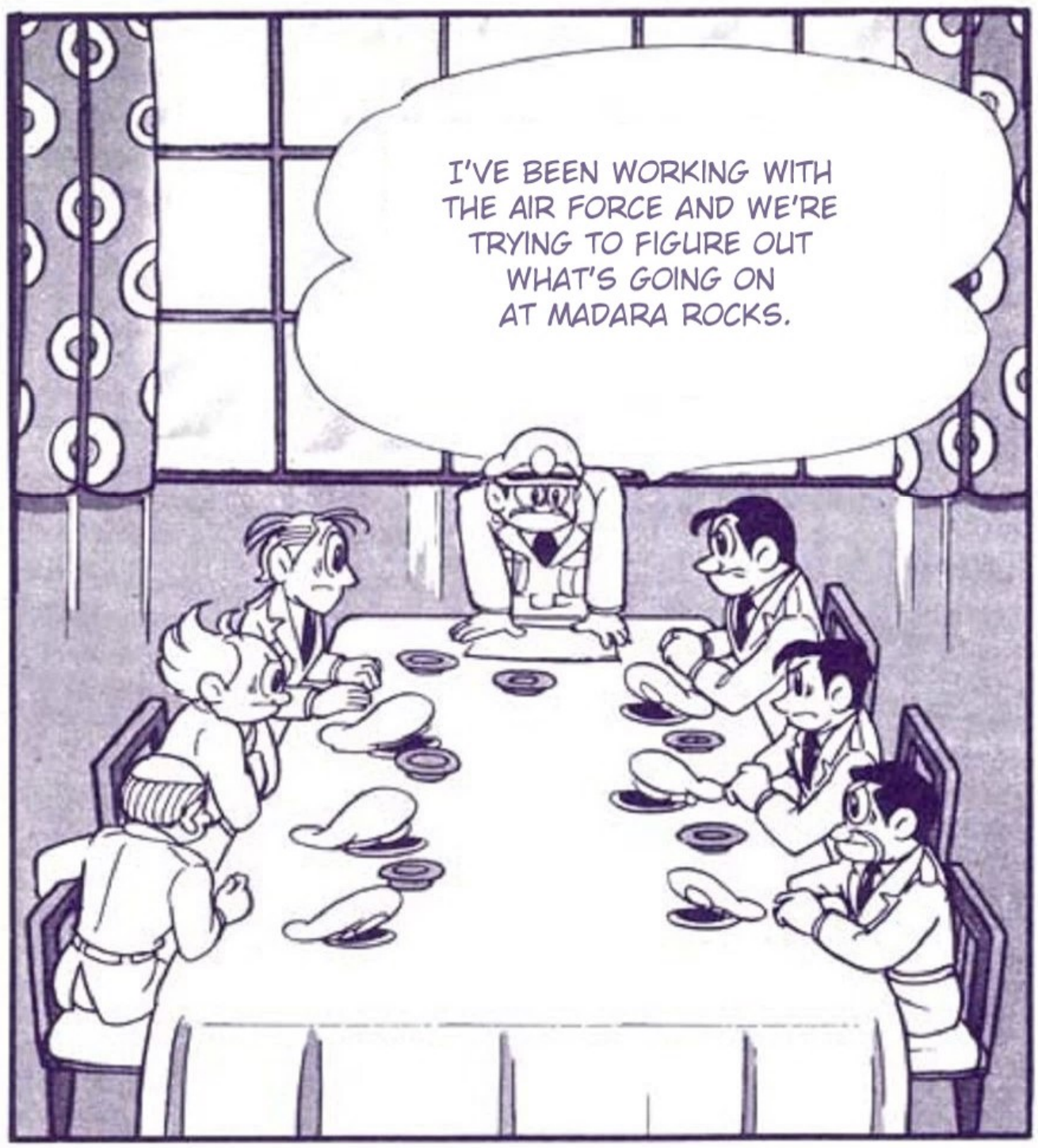
I DON'T WANT TO, DR. FRANKEN
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU'RE CHANGING YOUR MIND?

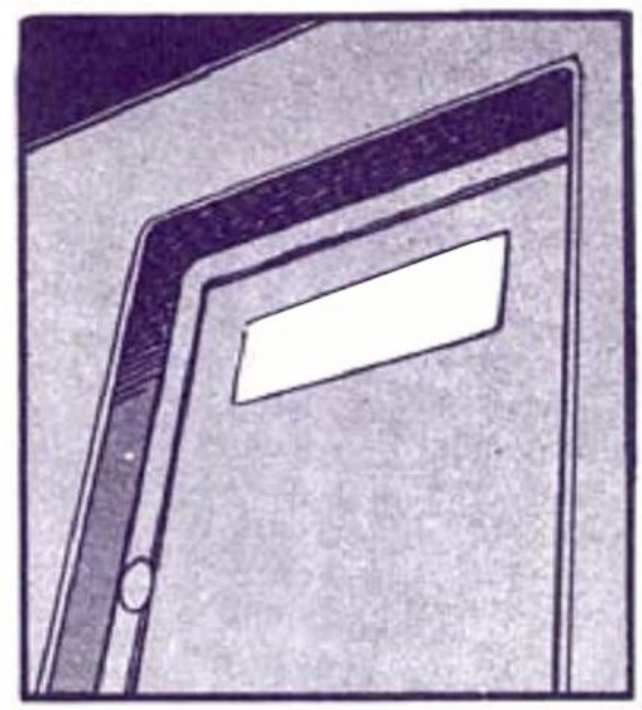
ALL RIGHT! GET TO IT!

YESSIR!

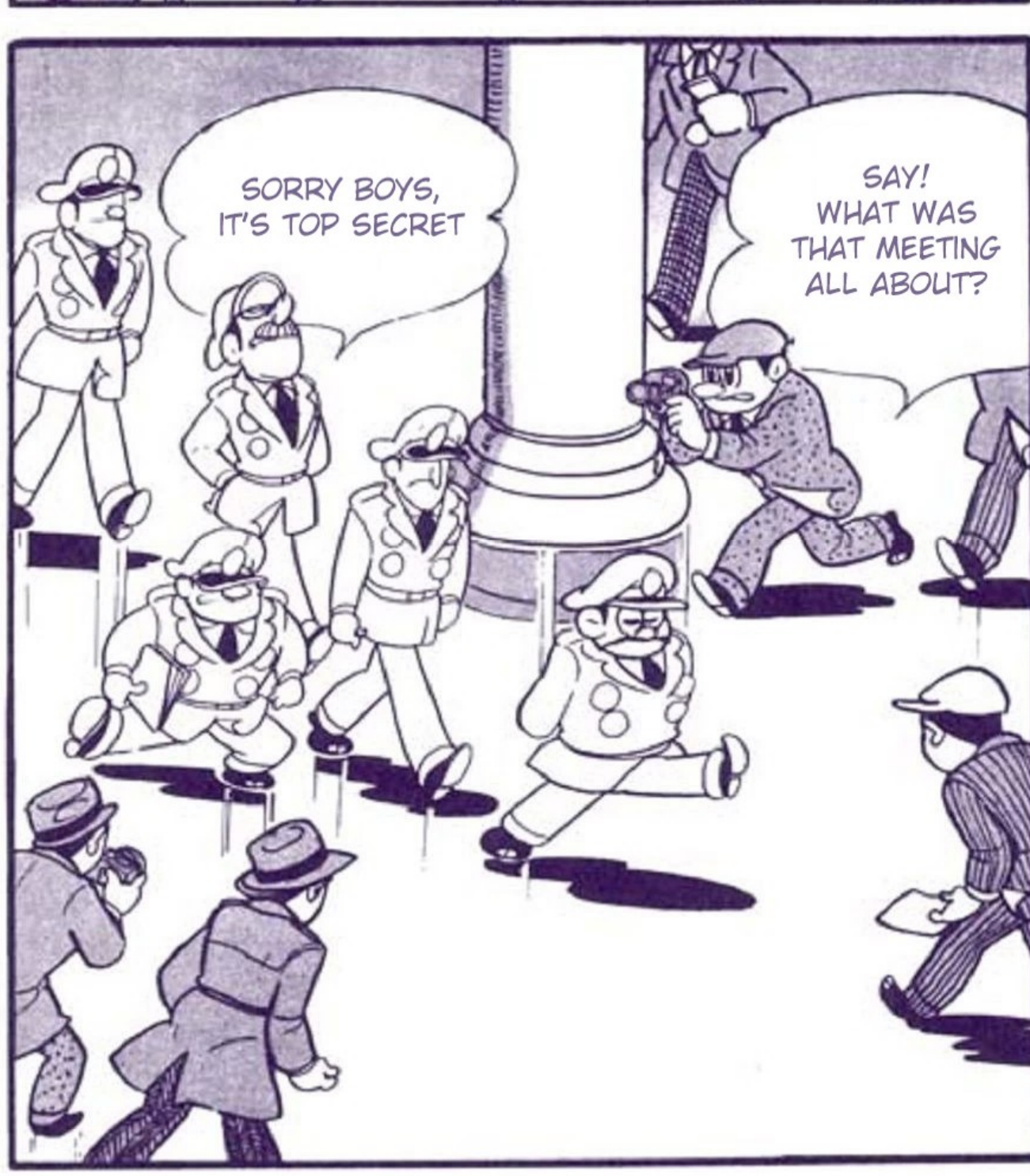
YOU GUYS BLOW UP THE MADARA ROCKS AND MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND THE LOCATION OF THE BAGUUM ORE VEINS BEFORE THE COPS FIND IT AND COME AFTER US.




I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE AIR FORCE AND WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT MADARA ROCKS.



WHEN I LOOKED INTO THE CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION OF THE "IWAKAZE" AND THE "HIKARI", I FOUND THAT THERE WERE TIME BOMBS ATTACHED TO THE SHIPS.


SORRY BOYS, IT'S TOP SECRET
SAY! WHAT WAS THAT MEETING ALL ABOUT?

TOMORROW AT 05:00 HOURS WE'RE MOBILIZING THREE SHIPS TO THE AREA. THE "DAHAI", THE "KUROTAKA" AND THE "IWAKI"

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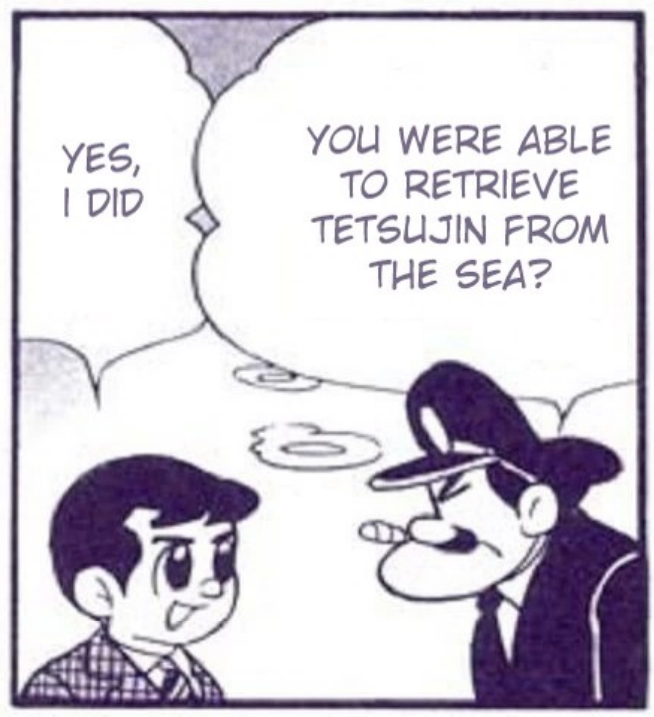
SHOTARO? HE'S RIGHT HERE.

HELLO... YES IT IS.


YES, I DID
YOU WERE ABLE TO RETRIEVE TETSUJIN FROM THE SEA?

OH?
SHOTARO, AT 05:00 HOURS THE NAVY IS DISPATCHING THREE SHIPS

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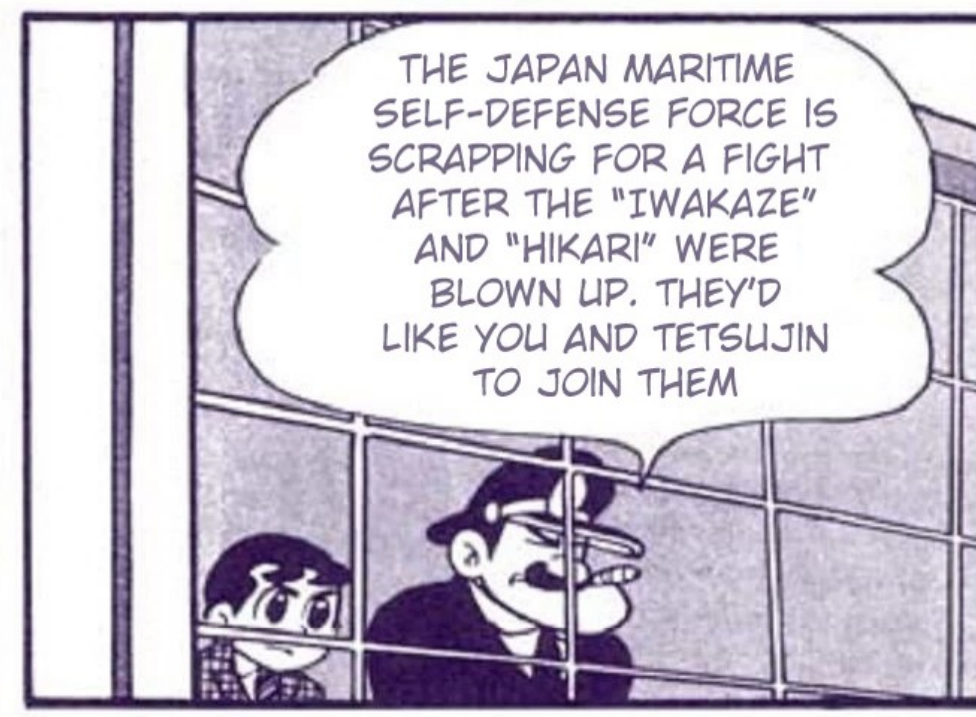
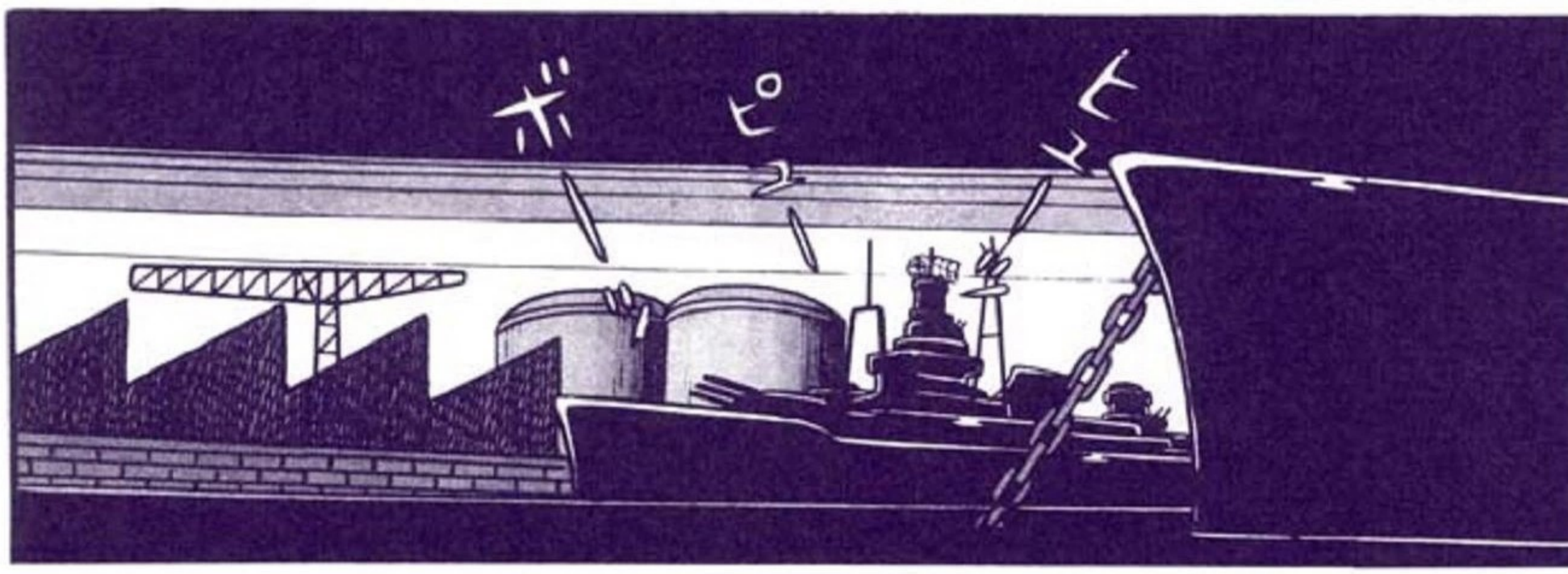
ALL RIGHT. I'LL TELL HIM THAT

NOW WE CAN GET BACK TO MADARA ROCKS AND FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON


THE JAPAN MARITIME SELF-DEFENSE FORCE IS SCRAPPING FOR A FIGHT AFTER THE "IWAKAZE" AND "HIKARI" WERE BLOWN UP. THEY'D LIKE YOU AND TETSUJIN TO JOIN THEM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OH! WELCOME SHOTARO. WE'RE EXPECTING YOU!
IT'S ME, SHOTARO

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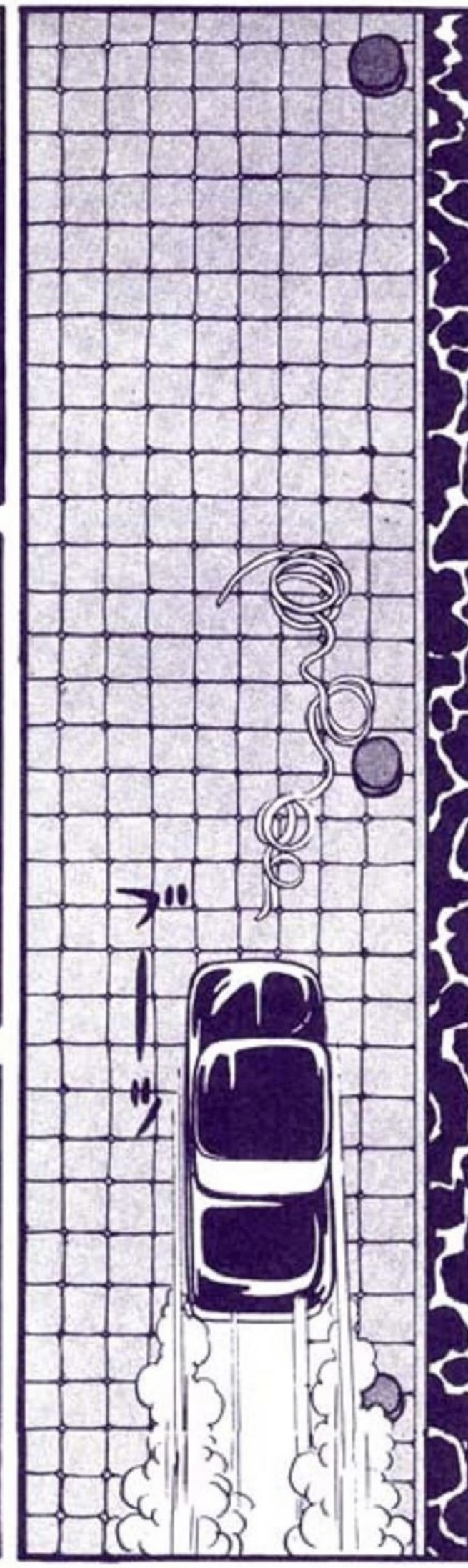
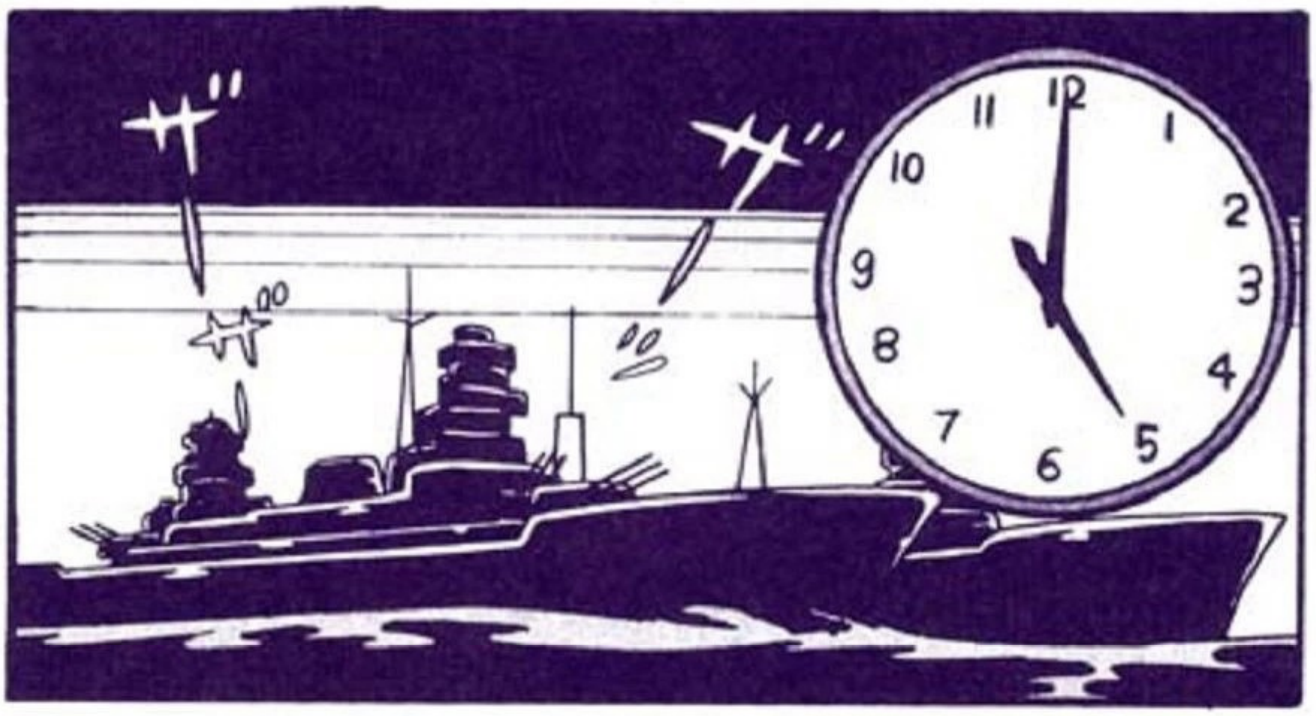


I WILL!
SHOTARO, DO YOUR BEST FOR THE CHIEF

WE'RE ABOUT READY TO DEPART. PLEASE COME ABOARD!



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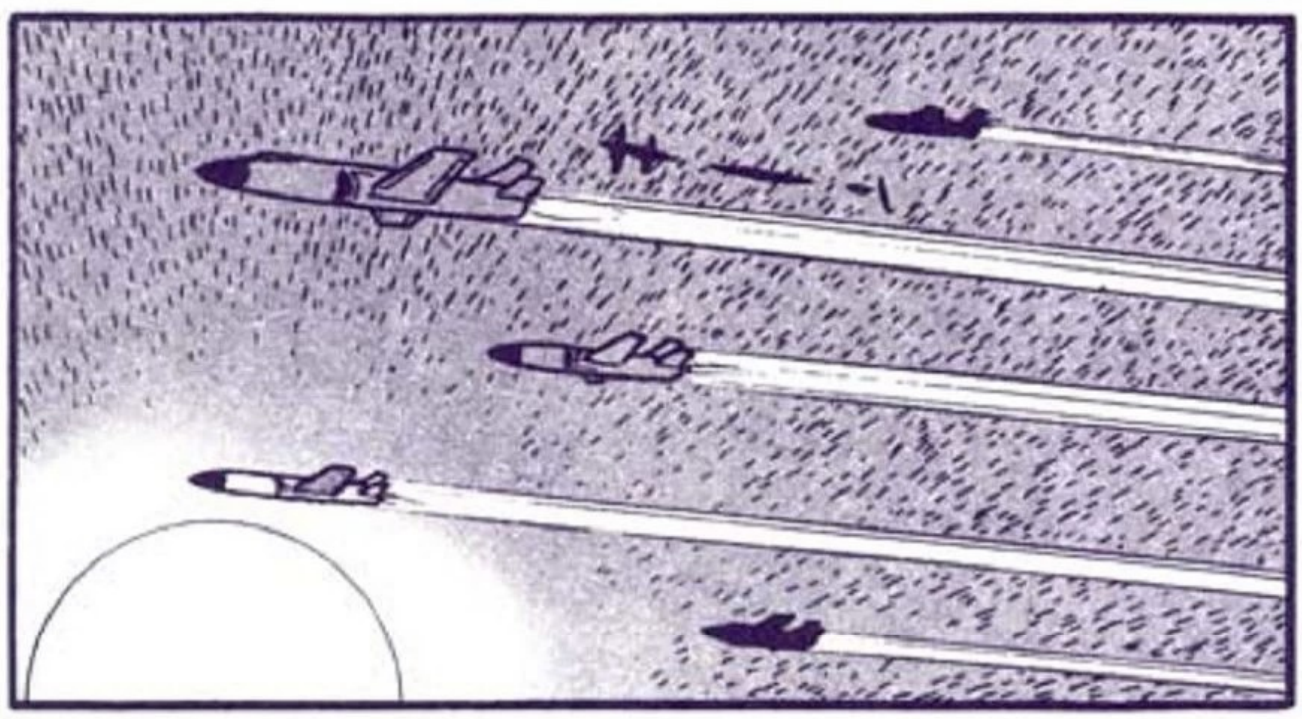
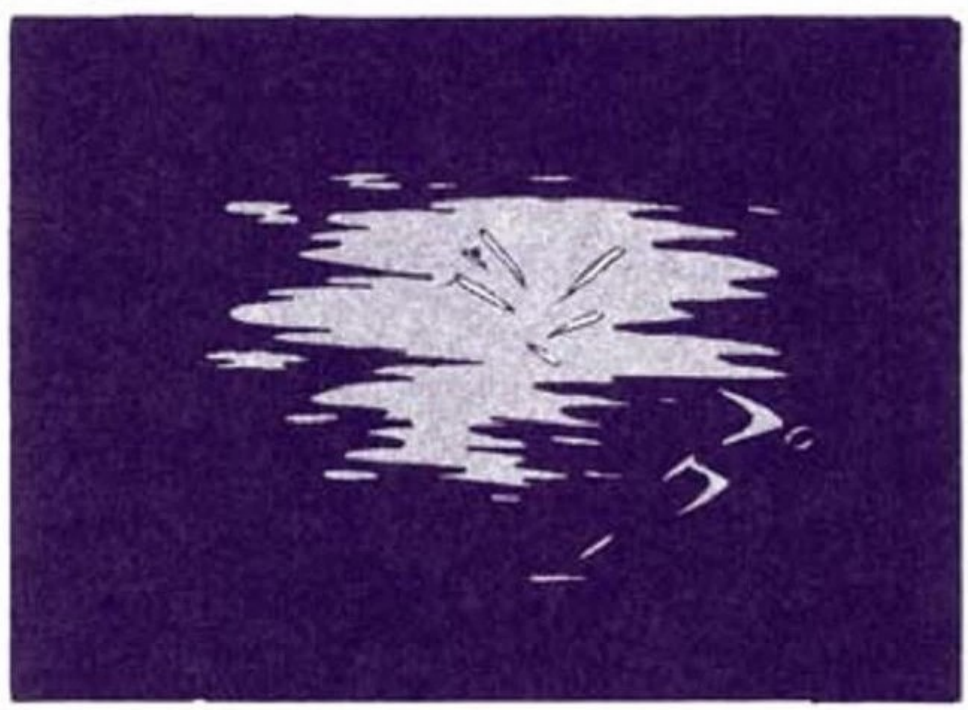
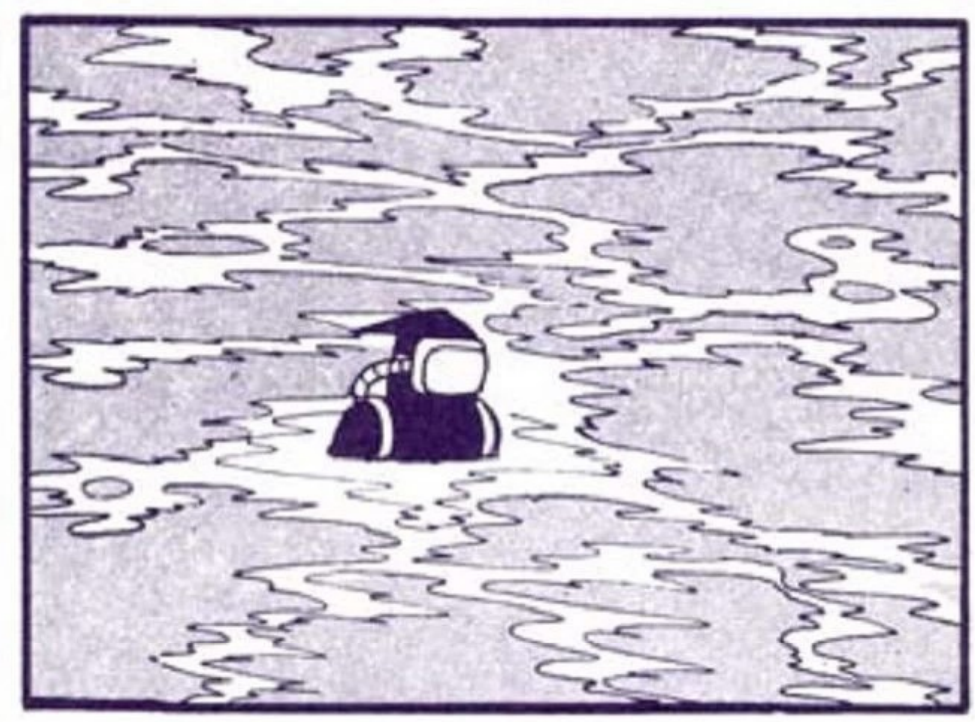
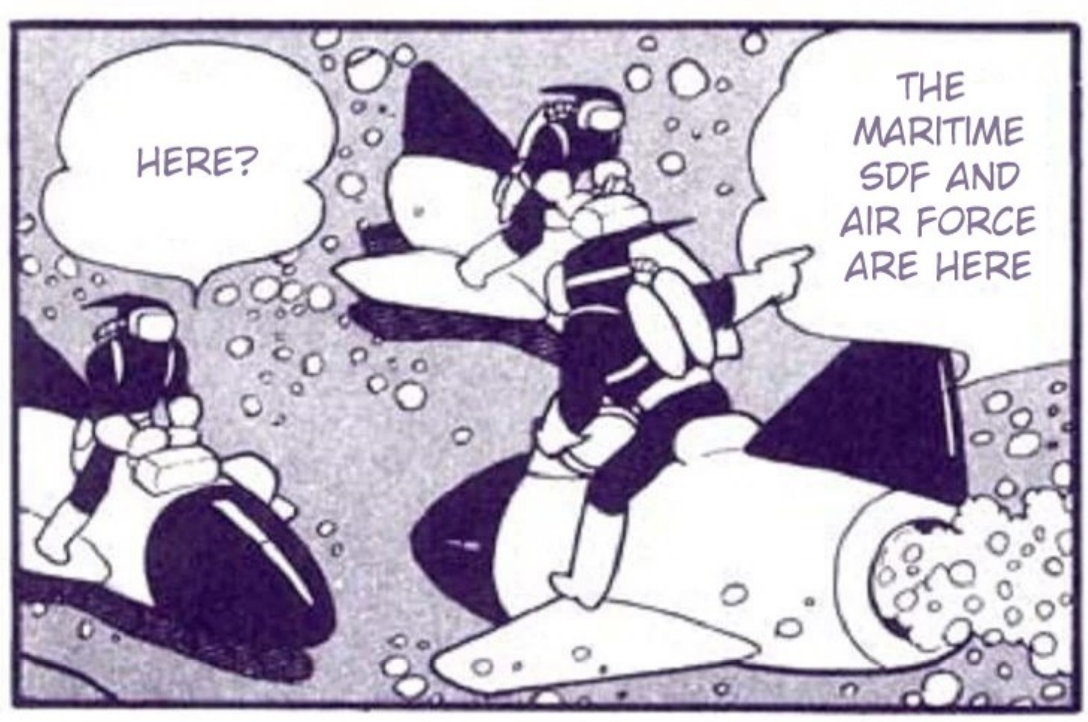
HE'S UNDERNEATH US IN THE WATER.
AH, SHOTARO. WHERE'S TETSUJIN?

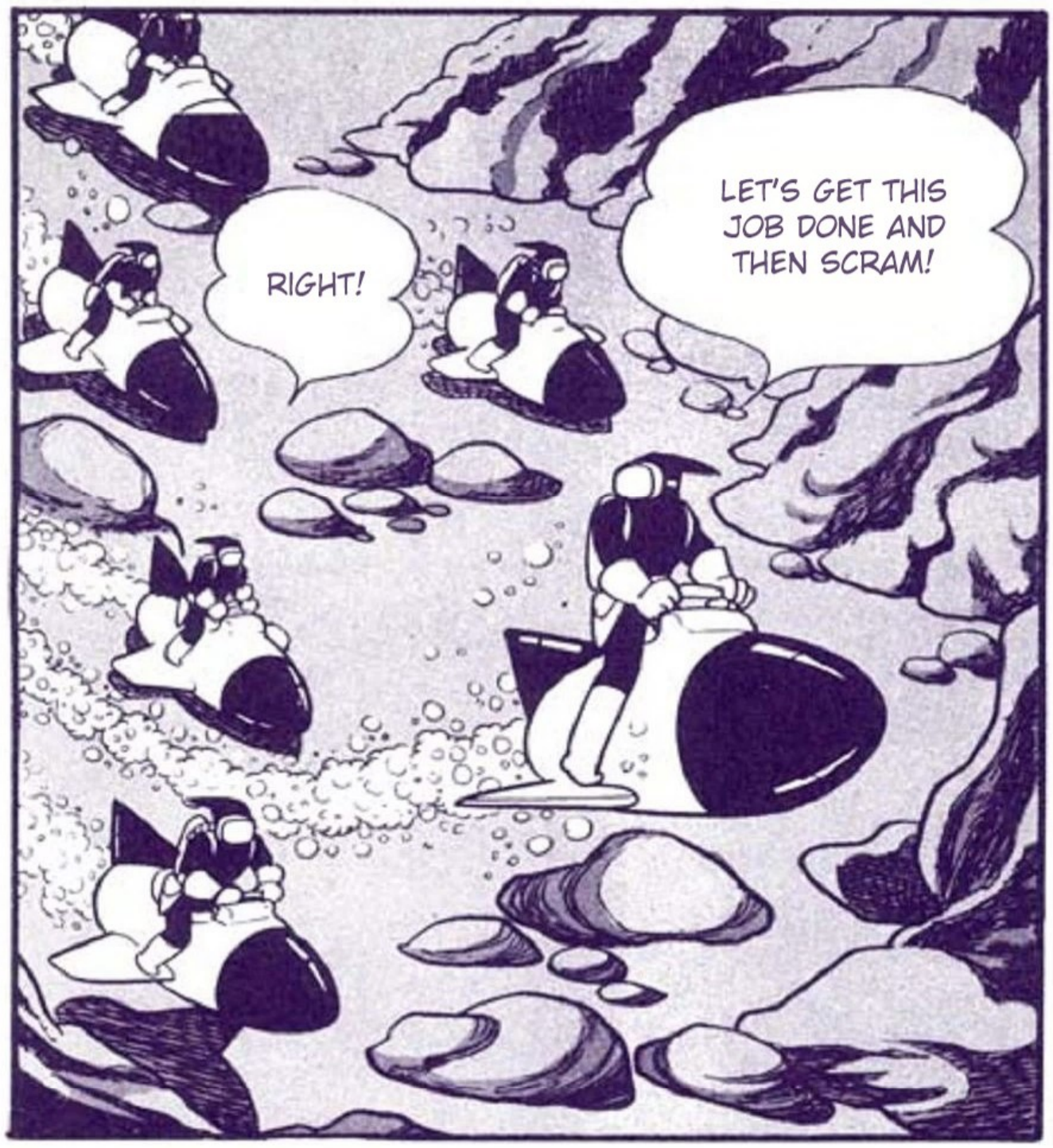


HEY, IT'S THE AIR FORCE



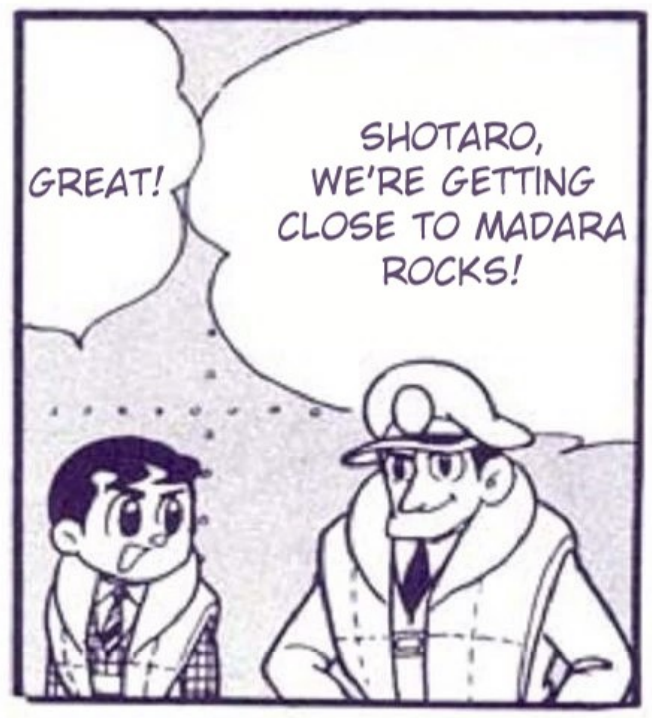


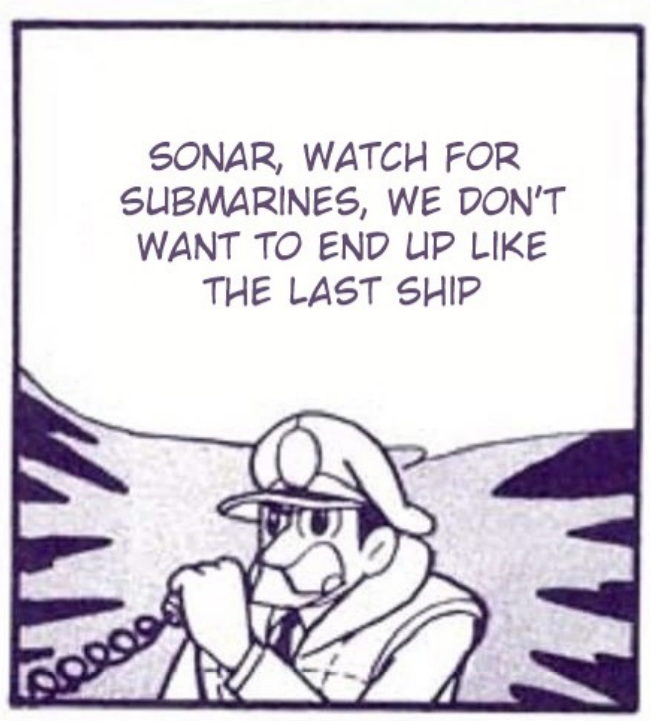

HERE?
THE MARITIME SDF AND AIR FORCE ARE HERE


RIGHT!
LET'S GET THIS JOB DONE AND THEN SCRAM!

THERE'S THREE BATTLESHIPS AND ALSO AIR FORCE JETS

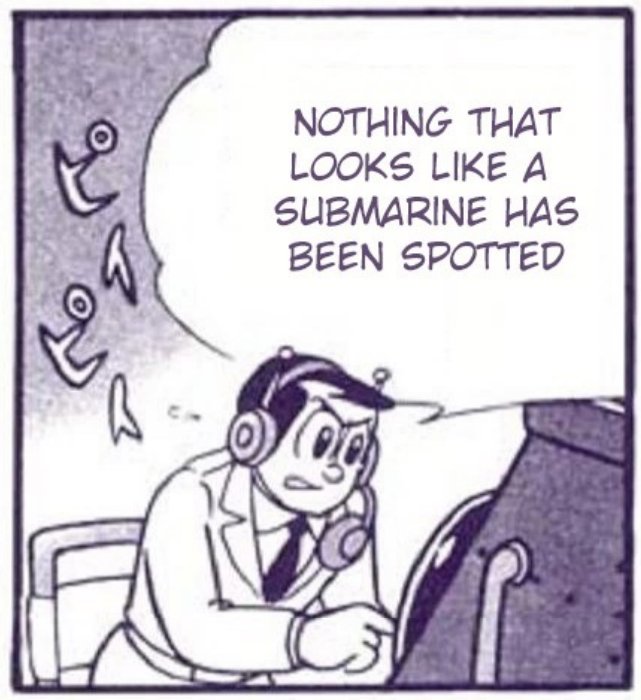
OKAY

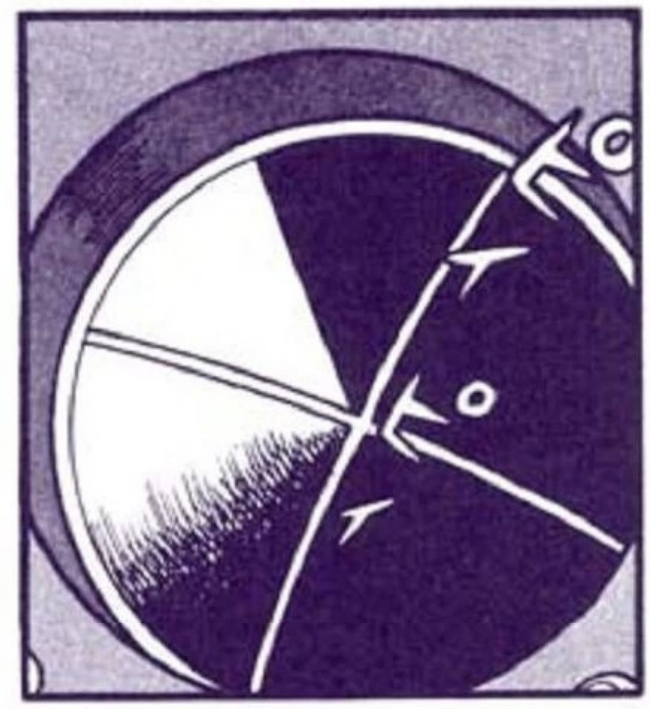

GREAT!
SHOTARO, WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO MADARA ROCKS!


SONAR, WATCH FOR SUBMARINES, WE DON'T WANT TO END UP LIKE THE LAST SHIP

ALL HANDS: PREPARE FOR BATTLE!

KEEP LOOKING


NOTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE A SUBMARINE HAS BEEN SPOTTED



HMM... MAYBE THEY KNOW WE'RE COMING

YES
THERE'S MADARA ROCKS!

OKAY

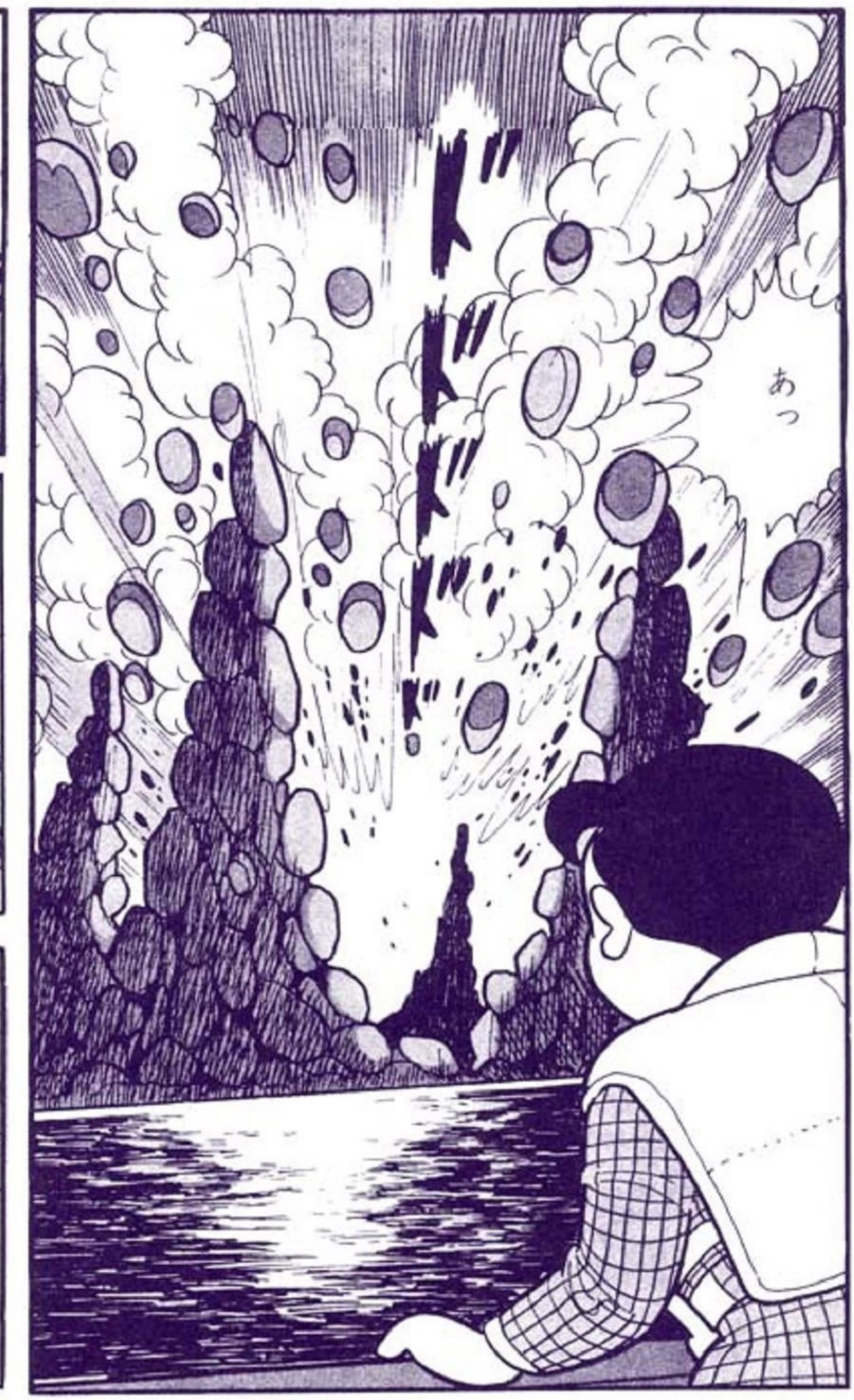
THEY'RE GETTING CLOSER

WE'RE GETTING CLOSE

MY GOD! MADARA ROCKS JUST EXPLODED!

LOOK OUT!

HARD TO PORT!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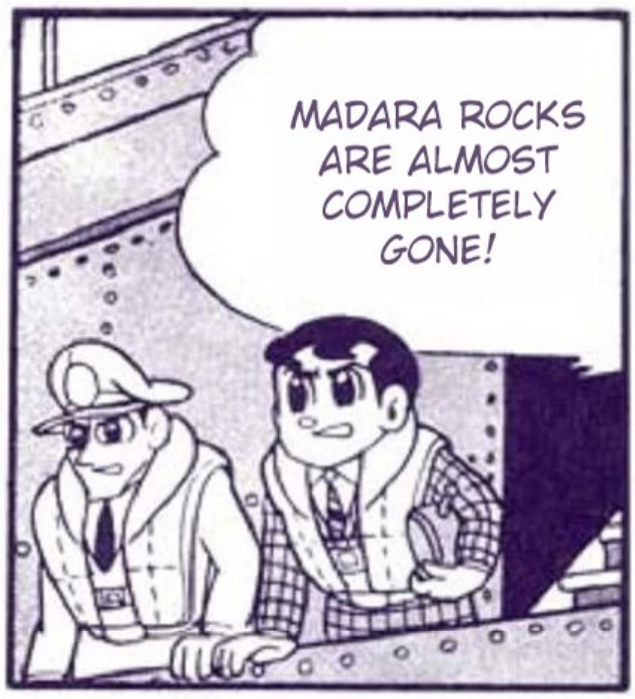
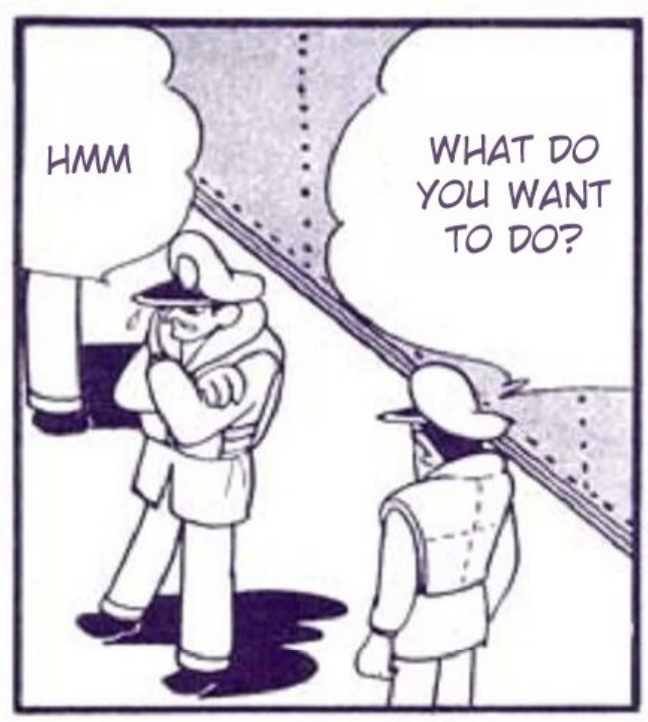
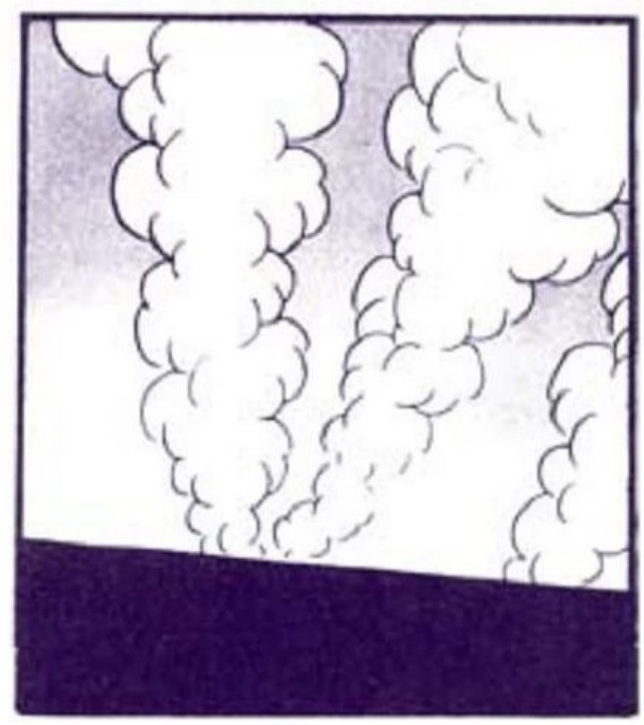

MADARA ROCKS ARE ALMOST COMPLETELY GONE!

LET'S TRY TO GET A CLOSER LOOK ON A LIFE BOAT


HMM
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

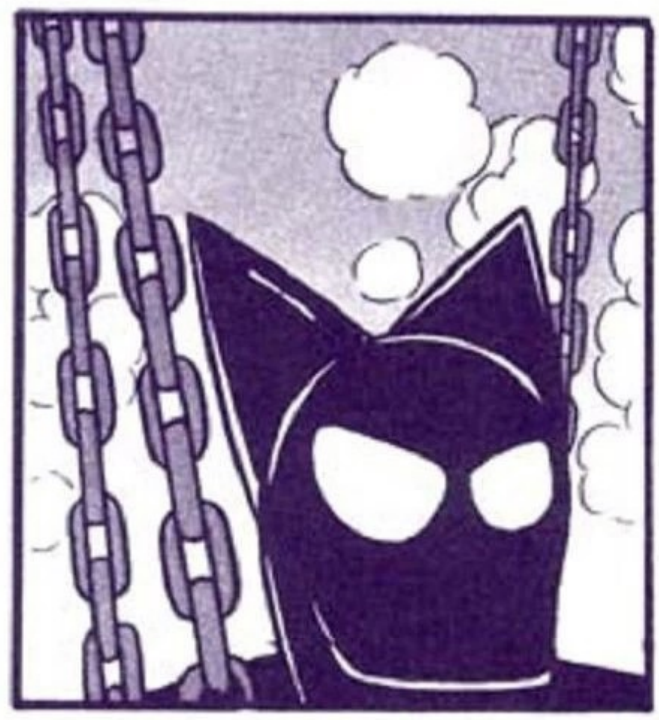


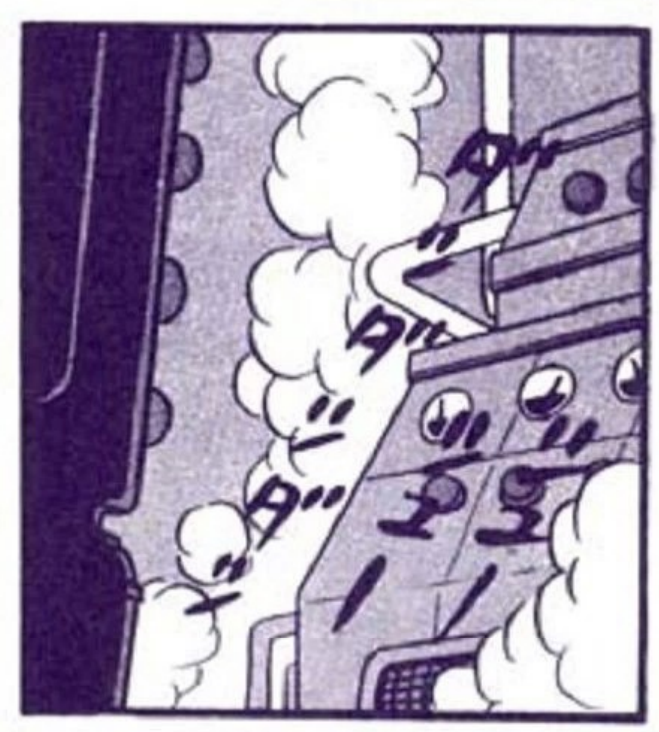
I DON'T LIKE THIS .....

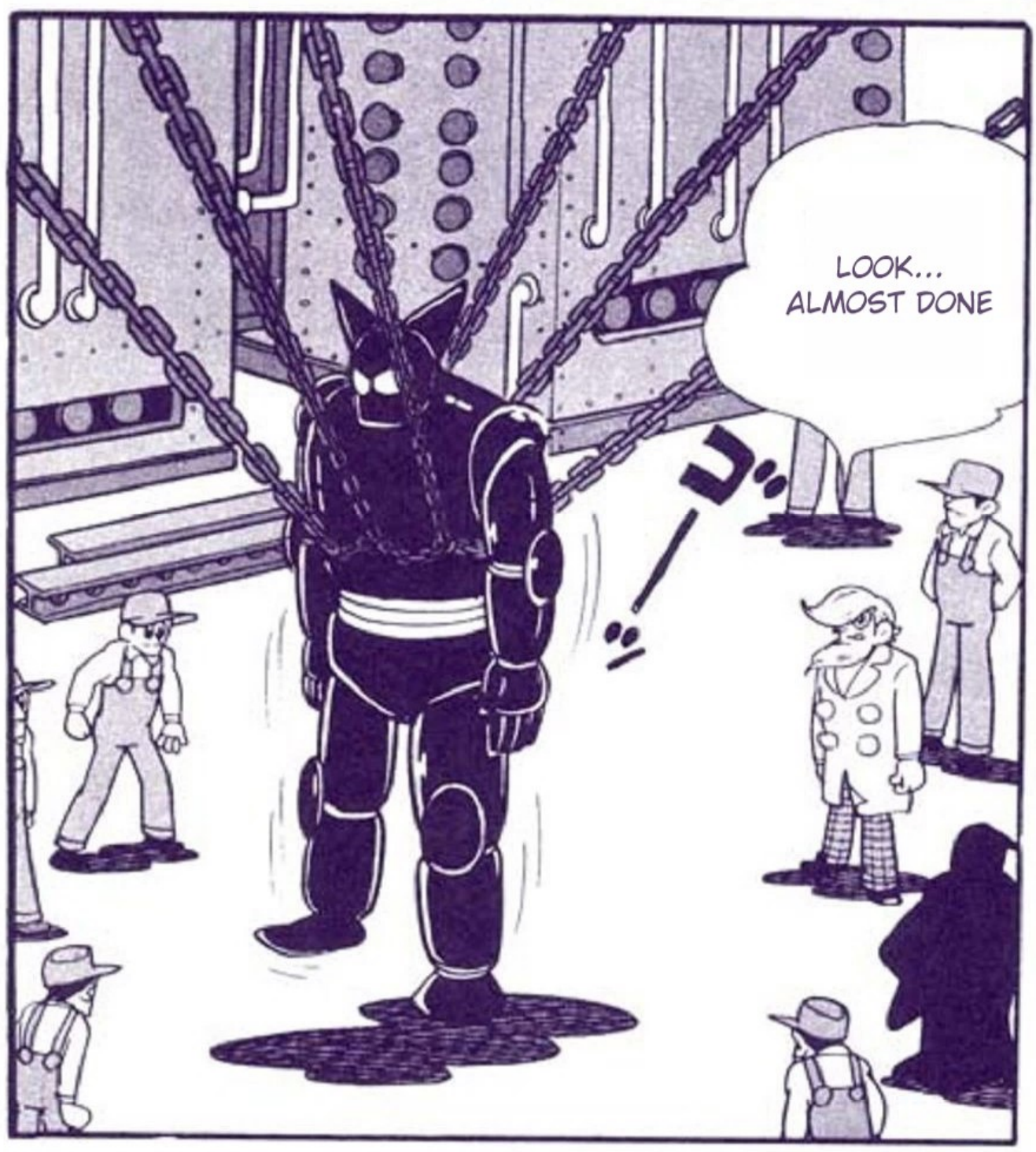
OKAY, WE'RE PULLING OUT OF HERE SO WE DON'T GET SPOTTED

THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR THEM TO CHECK OUT
THEY'RE HERE CHECKING IT OUT

ALL RIGHT!
ALL RIGHT!






LOOK...
ALMOST DONE
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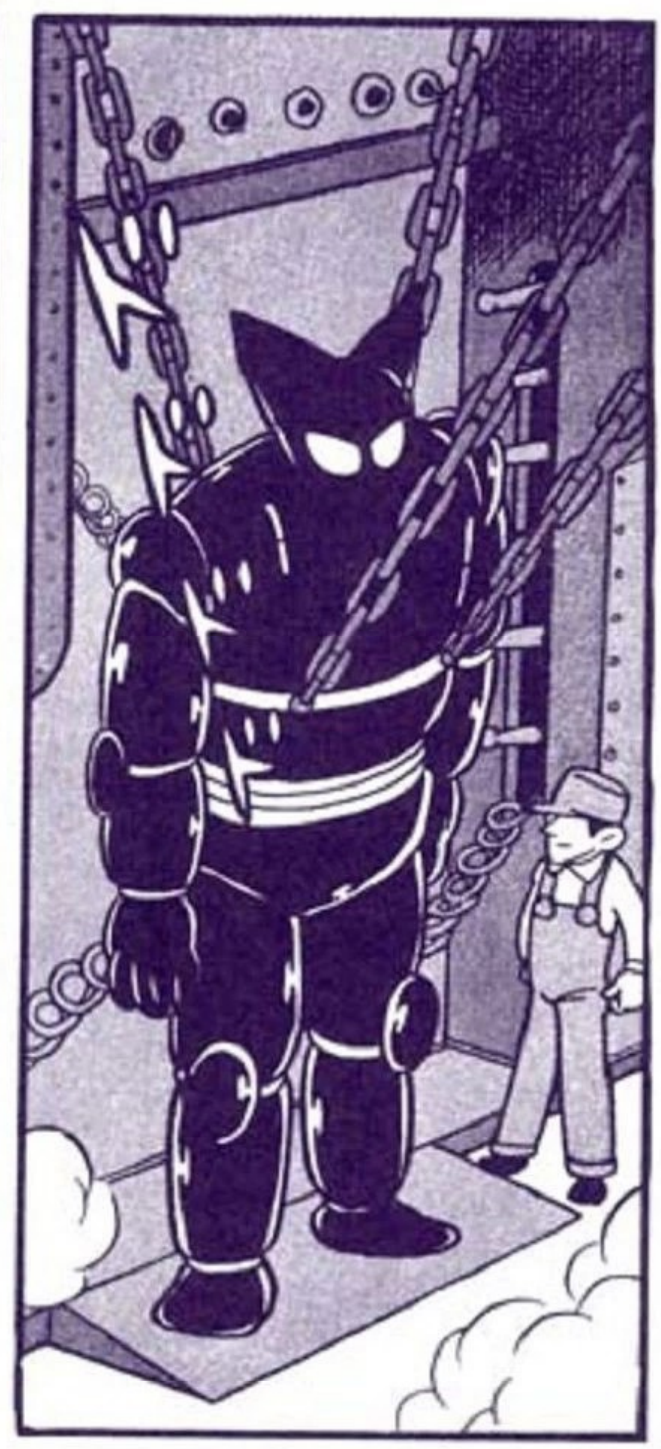

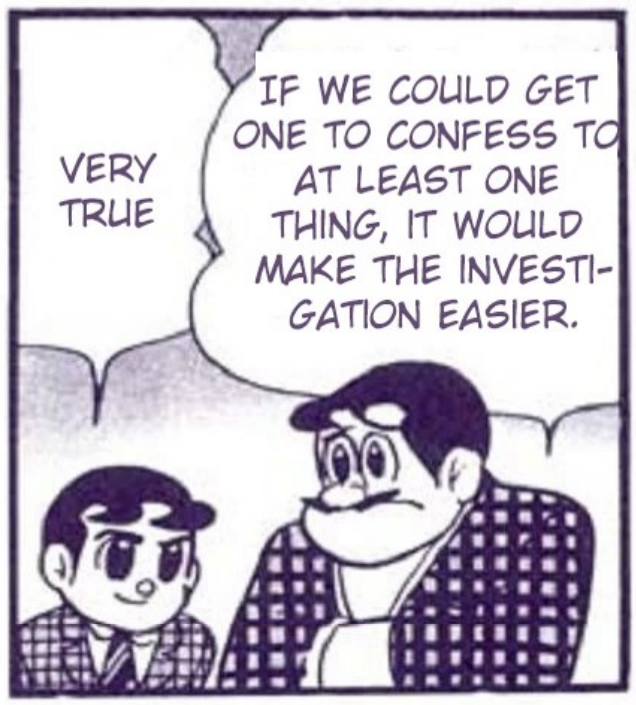
VERY TRUE
IF WE COULD GET ONE TO CONFESS TO AT LEAST ONE THING, IT WOULD MAKE THE INVESTIGATION EASIER.

I HEAR THEY ARE NOT BEING VERY TALKATIVE
WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHO THOSE THREE ATTACKERS ARE

OH SO THE MADARA ROCKS EXPLODED?

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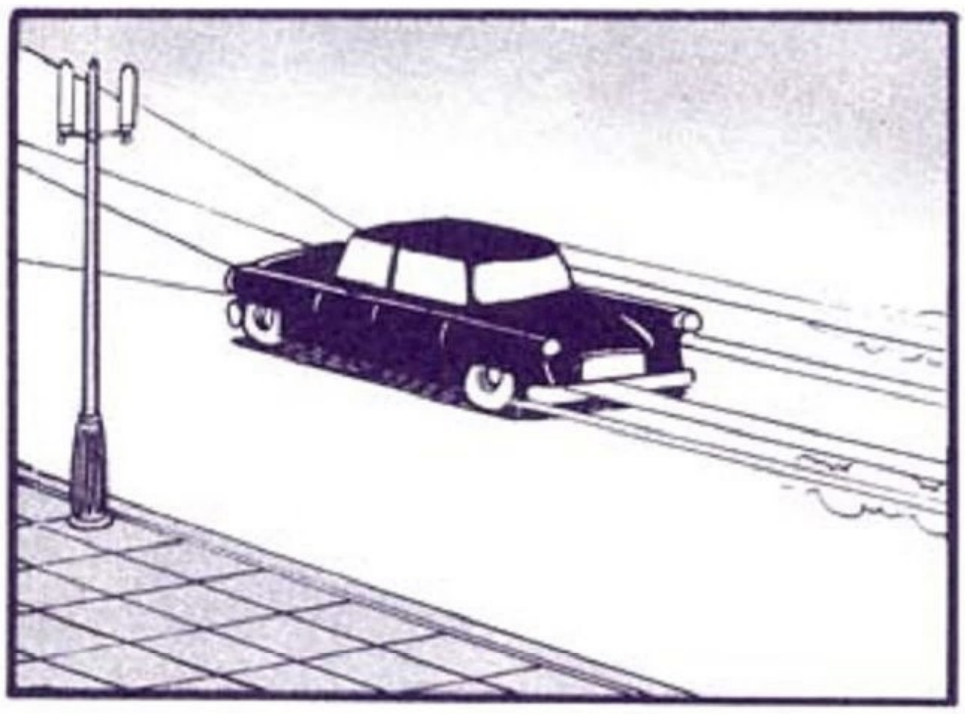
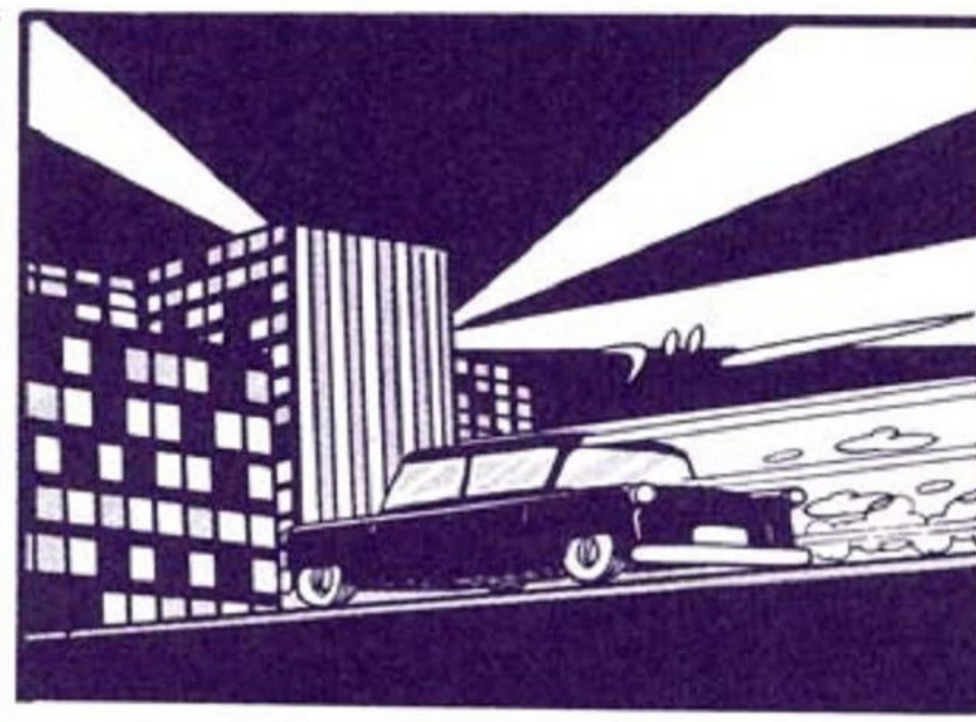
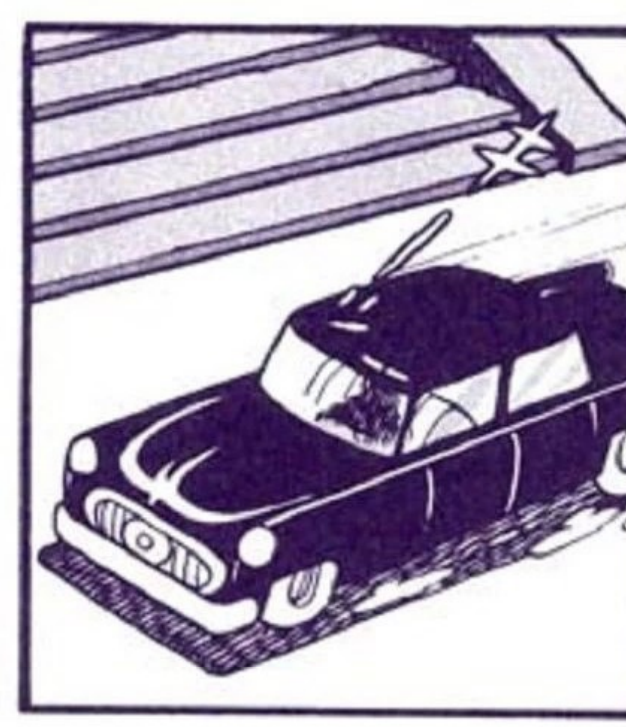
OKAY. I'LL GET IT ARRANGED
WELL, I'LL TRY TO SEE IF I CAN GET ANYTHING OUT OF THEM





CAPTAIN, HAVE THEY COME CLEAN YET?
HEY SHOTARO



OKAY
WE'RE STILL WORKING ON THEM. SO LET'S GO CHECK

NOPE. IT'S REALLY SOMETHING. IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU FIND MEN WITH SUCH TIGHT LIPS

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THEY'RE NOT SAYING A WORD

SARGE
CAPTAIN

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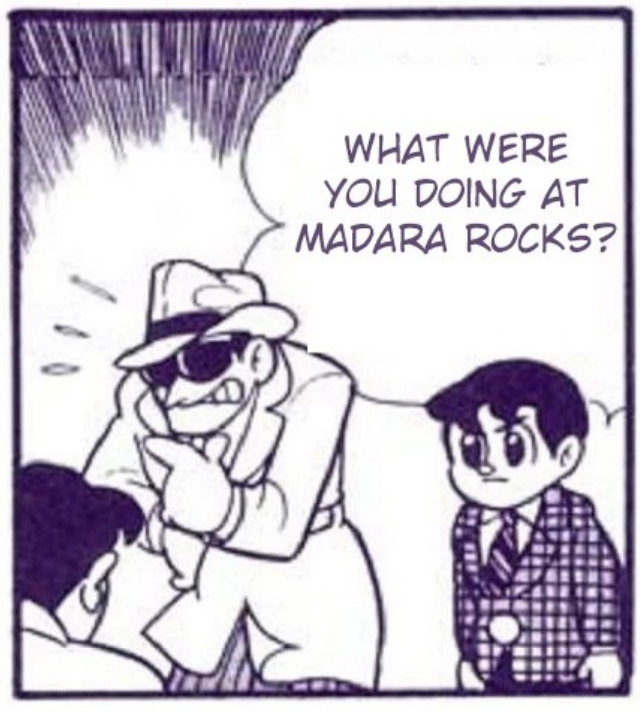
SAY, WHY DON'T YOU GUYS JUST COME CLEAN?


WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT MADARA ROCKS?

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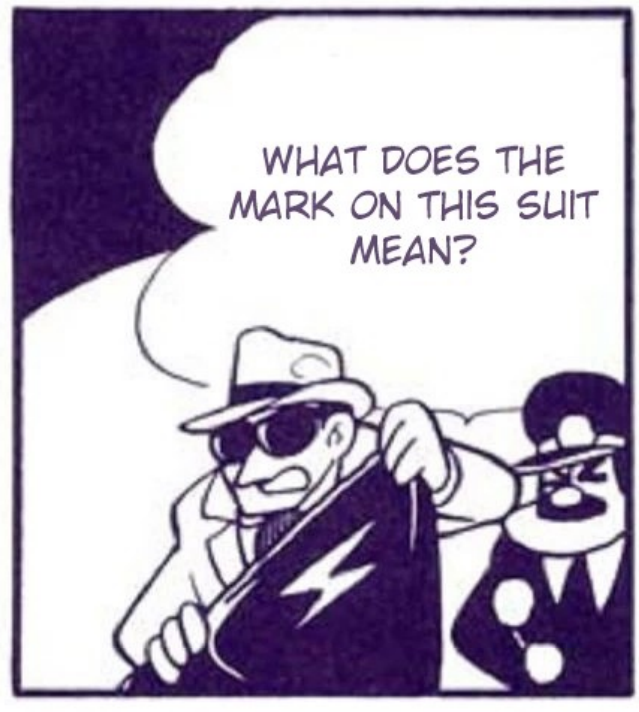
WHAT DOES THE MARK ON THIS SUIT MEAN?

YEAH
AS YOU CAN SEE, SIR

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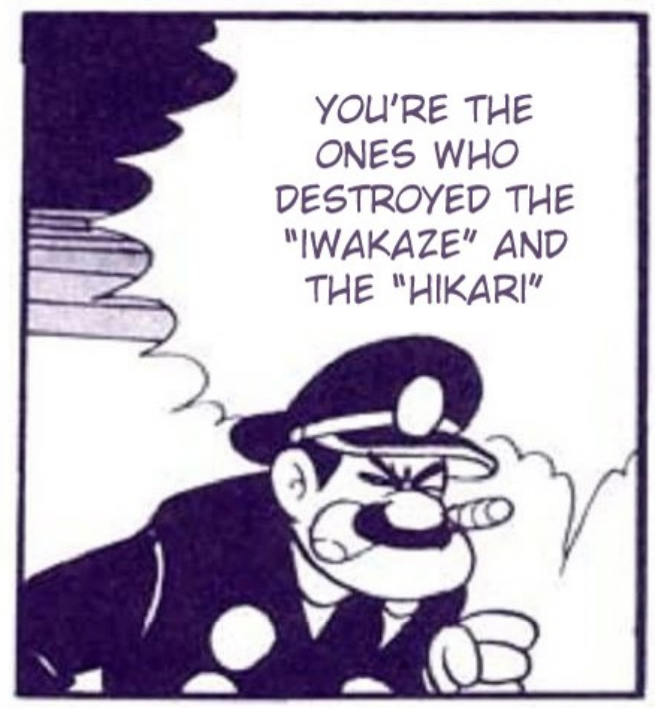
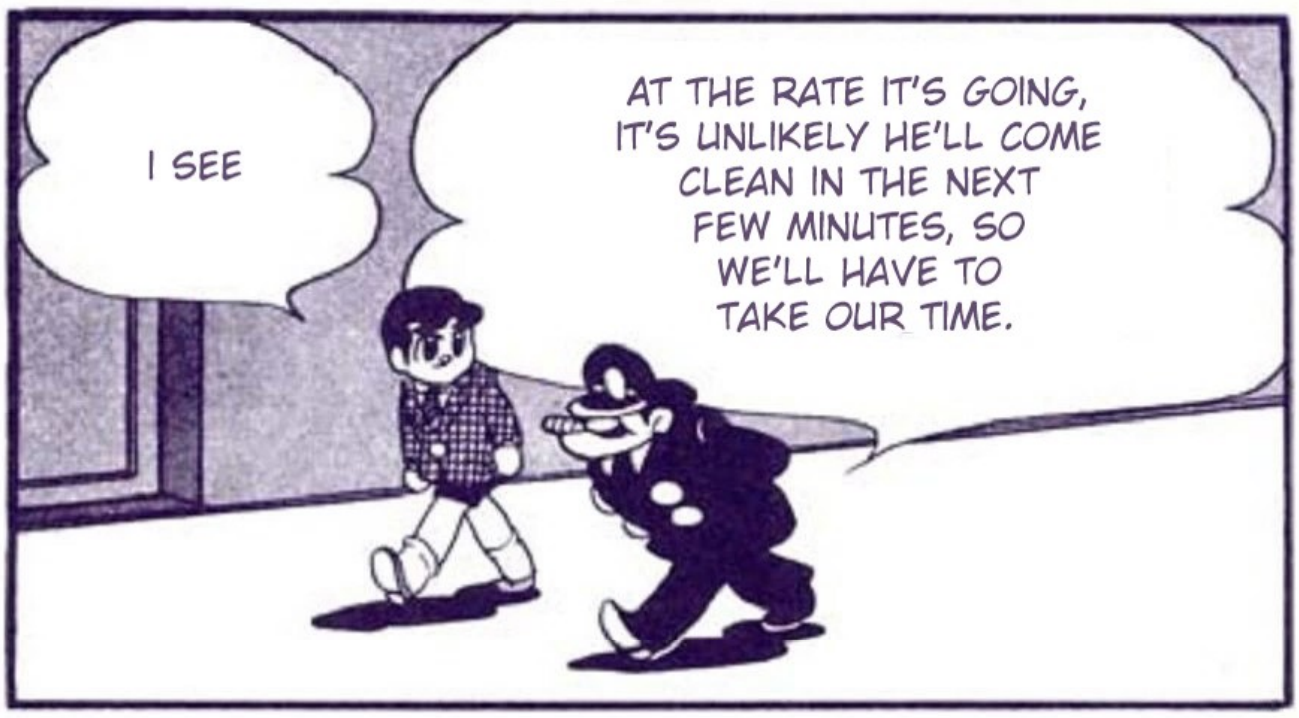
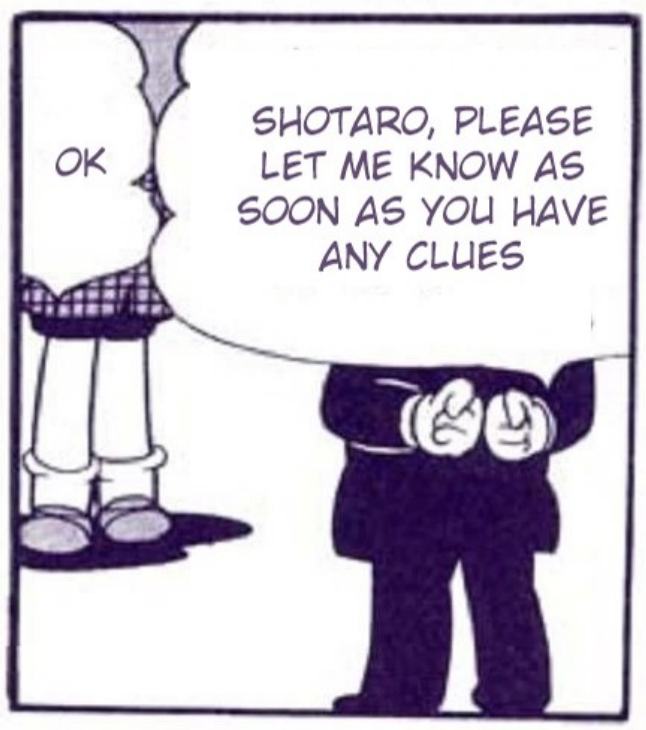

YOU'RE THE ONES WHO DESTROYED THE "IWAKAZE" AND THE "HIKARI"

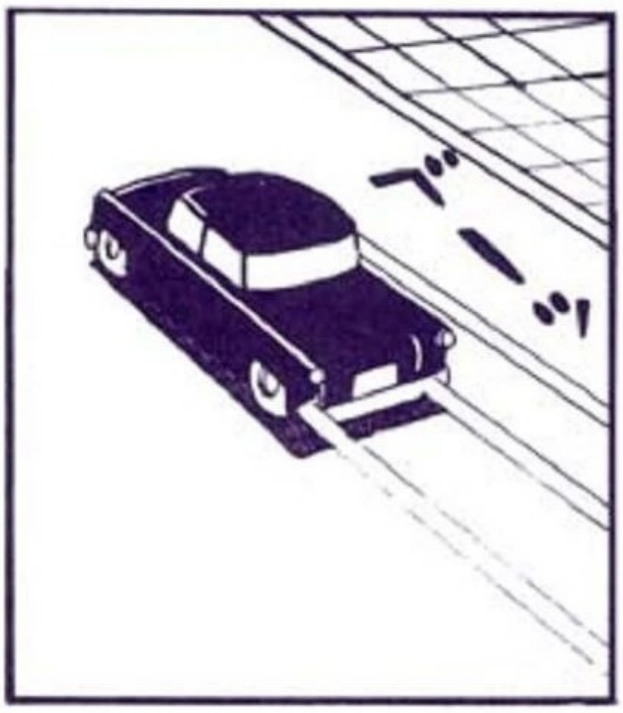

I SEE
AT THE RATE IT'S GOING, IT'S UNLIKELY HE'LL COME CLEAN IN THE NEXT FEW MINUTES, SO WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE OUR TIME.

WE'VE BEEN AT THIS FOR FOUR HOURS STRAIGHT AND I'M THE ONE GETTING TIRED

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
THANKS! I'LL BE BACK

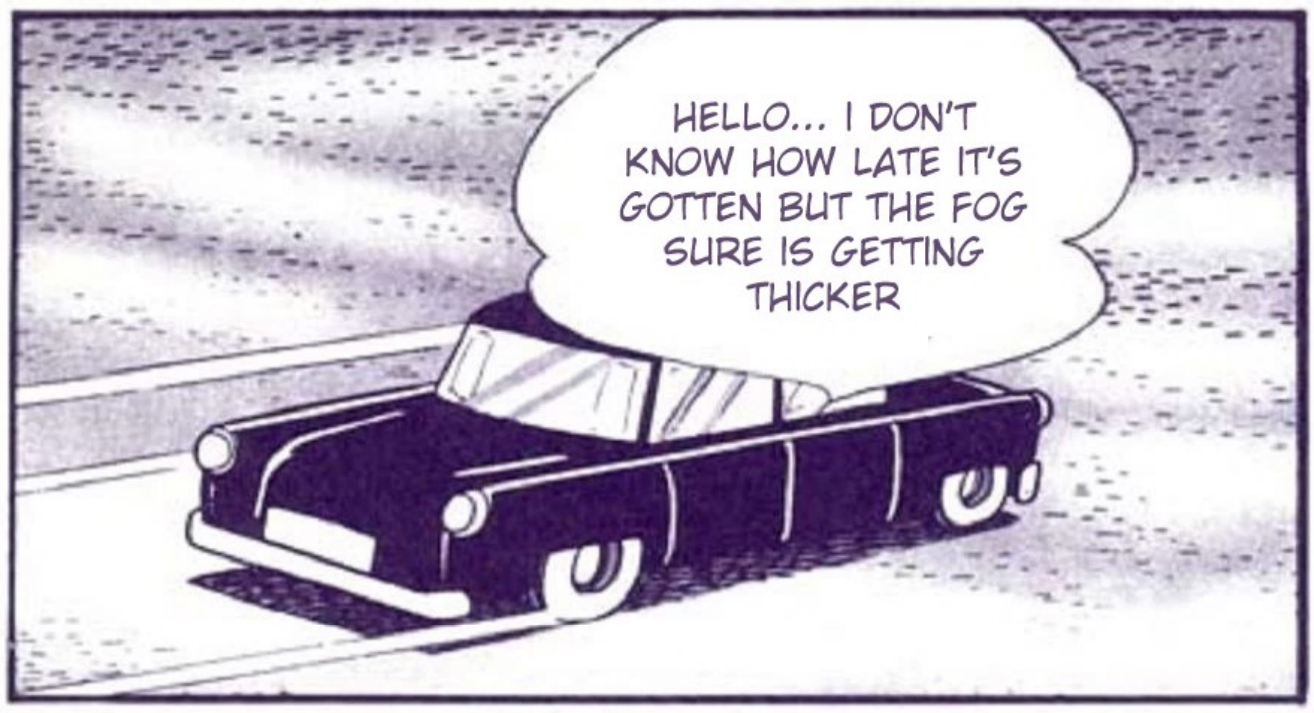

OK
SHOTARO, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS YOU HAVE ANY CLUES

HOPEFULLY
BETWEEN THE THREE OF THEM HOPEFULLY ONE WILL CRACK



I SHOULDN'T BE SO IMPRESSED

I'M IMPRESSED BY THOSE THREE'S WILL TO KEEP QUIET


HELLO... I DON'T KNOW HOW LATE IT'S GOTTEN BUT THE FOG SURE IS GETTING THICKER

I DON'T KNOW WHEN I MIGHT WIND UP BEING ATTACKED, SO I CAN'T RELAX FOR EVEN A MINUTE

WHAT IS THAT?

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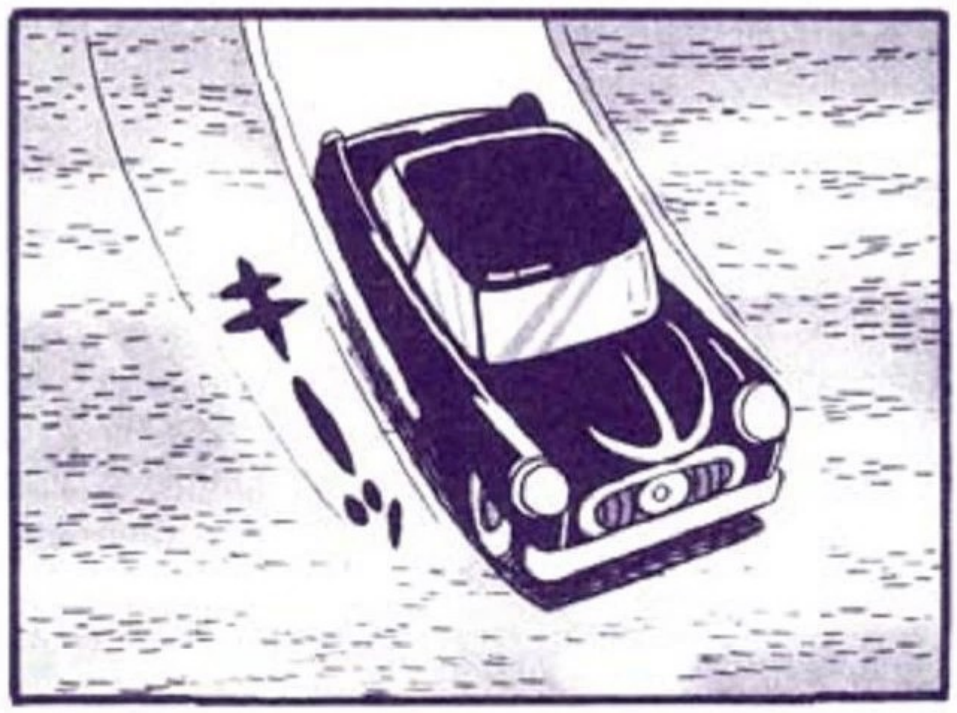
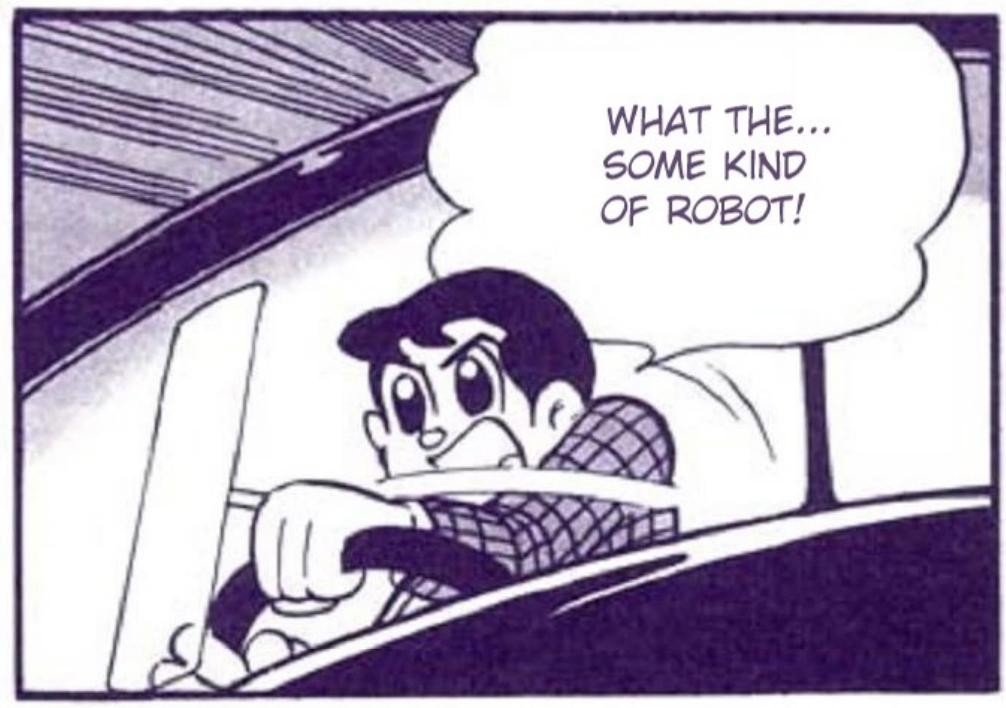
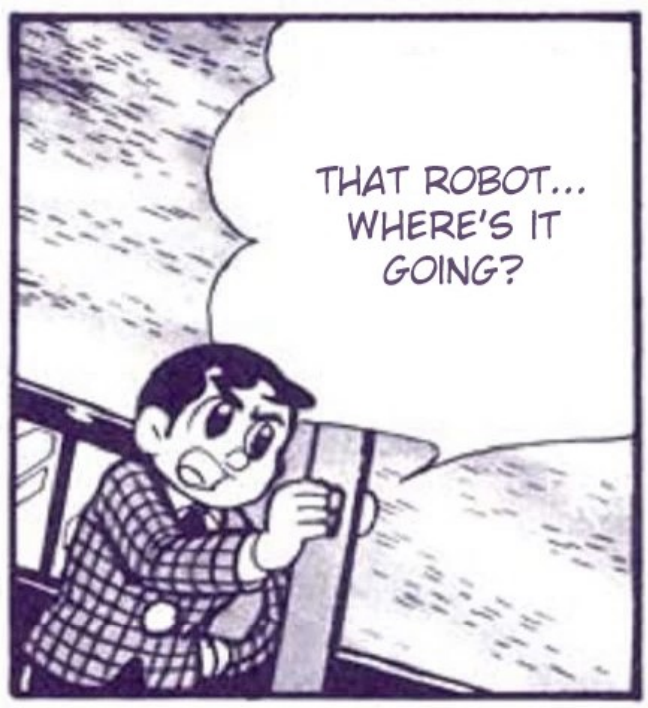



WHAT THE... SOME KIND OF ROBOT!


THAT ROBOT... WHERE'S IT GOING?

I HAVE TO CALL TETSUJIN

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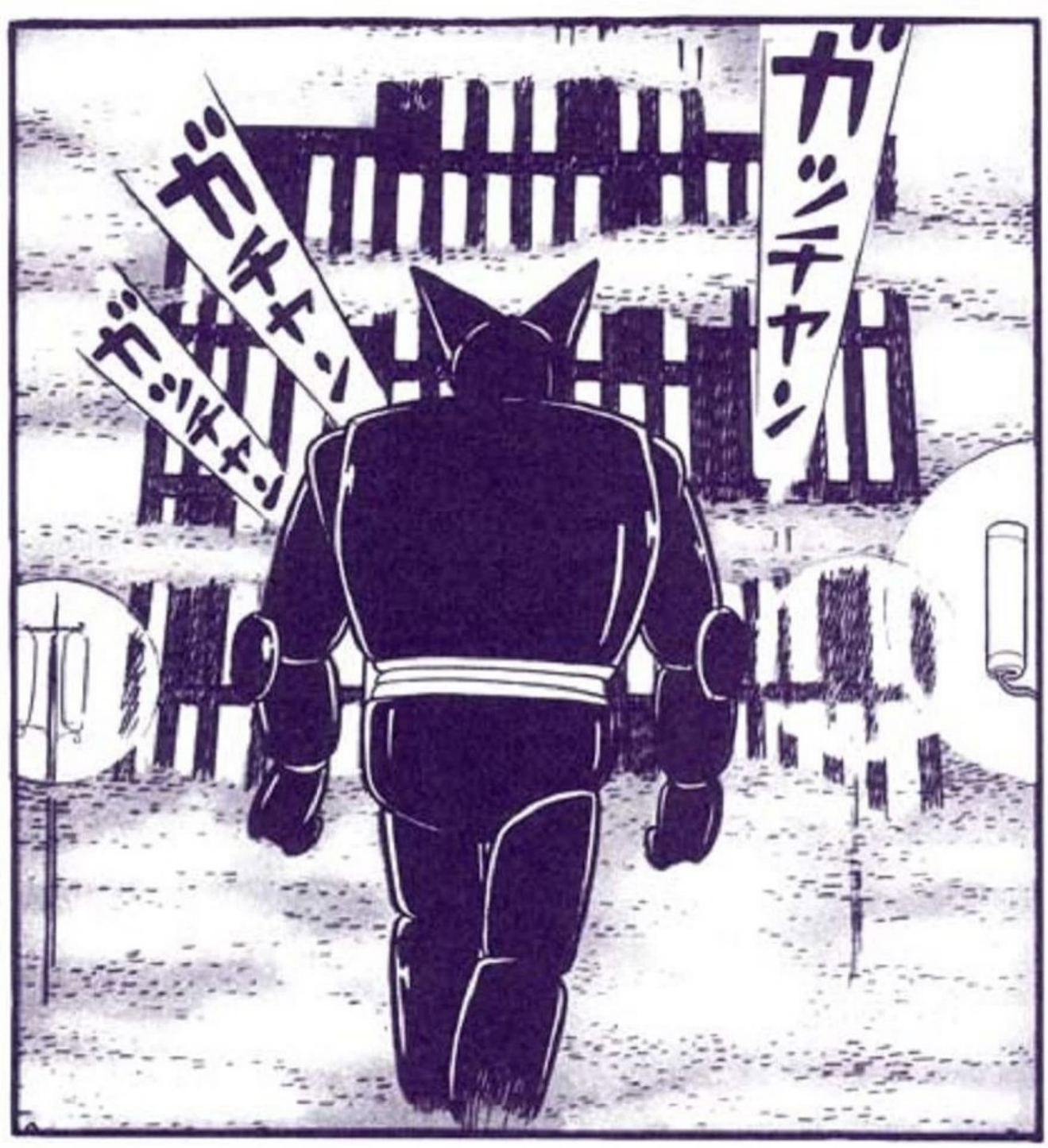
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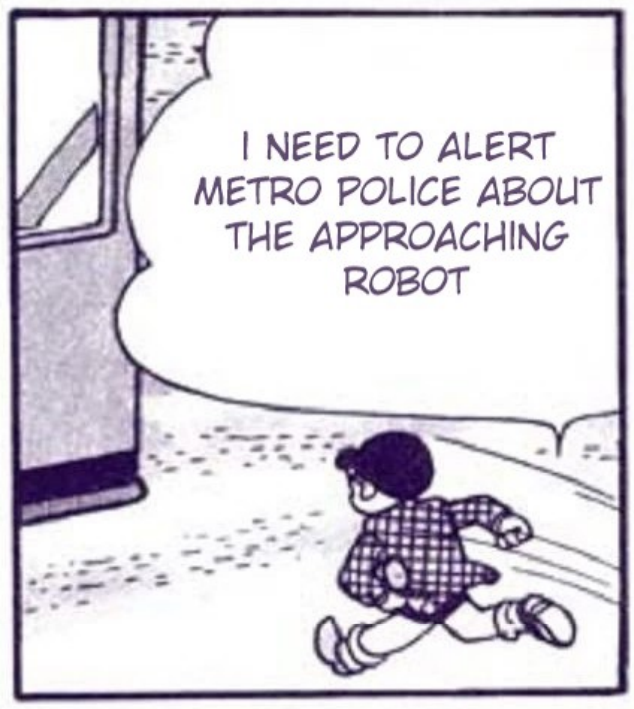
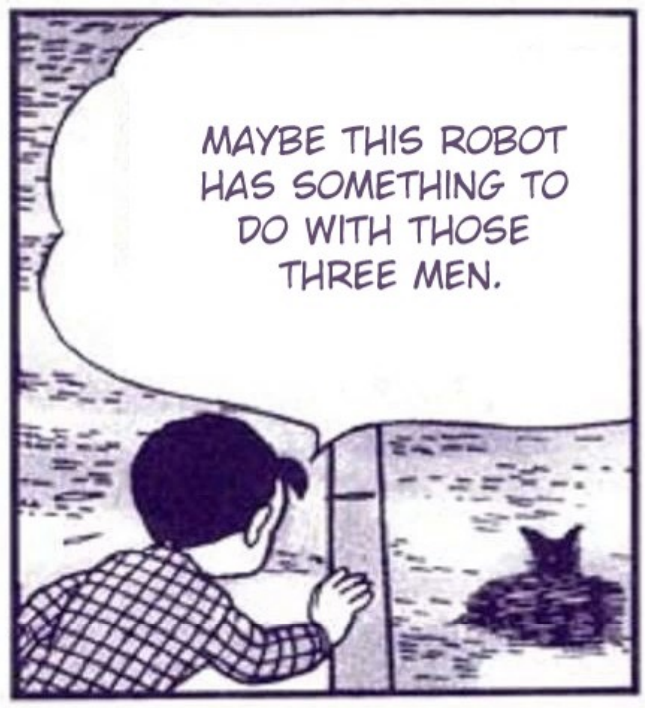
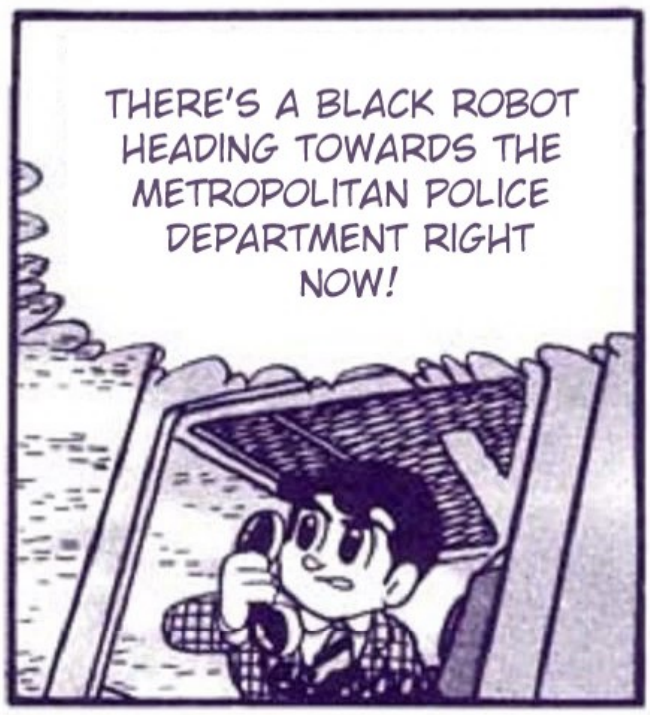

I NEED TO ALERT METRO POLICE ABOUT THE APPROACHING ROBOT


MAYBE THIS ROBOT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THOSE THREE MEN.

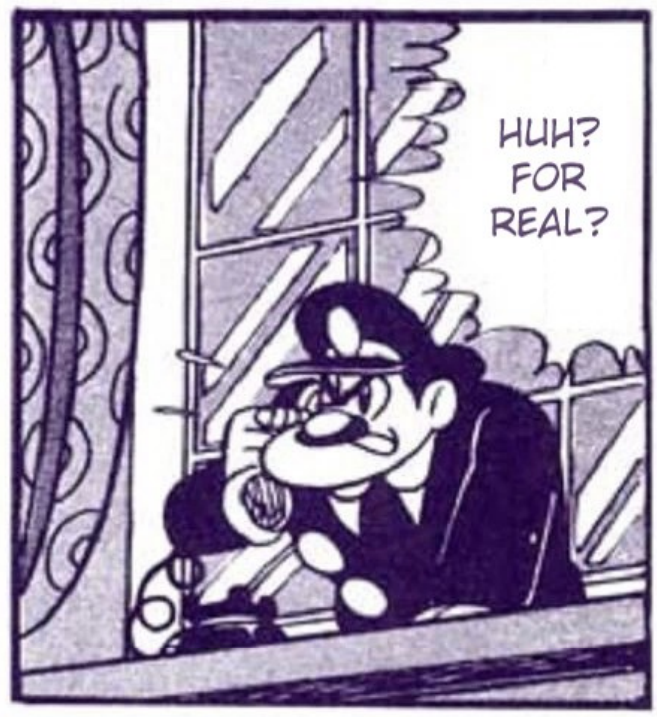
IT'S HEADING TOWARDS THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT HQ


THERE'S A BLACK ROBOT HEADING TOWARDS THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW!

HELLO! CAPTAIN! IT'S ME, SHOTARO!

WHERE IS IT?

OH?
HEY! THERE'S A GIANT, BLACK ROBOT HEADING THIS WAY!


HUH? FOR REAL?

YESSIR!
SOUND THE EMERGENCY ALARM IMMEDIATELY!

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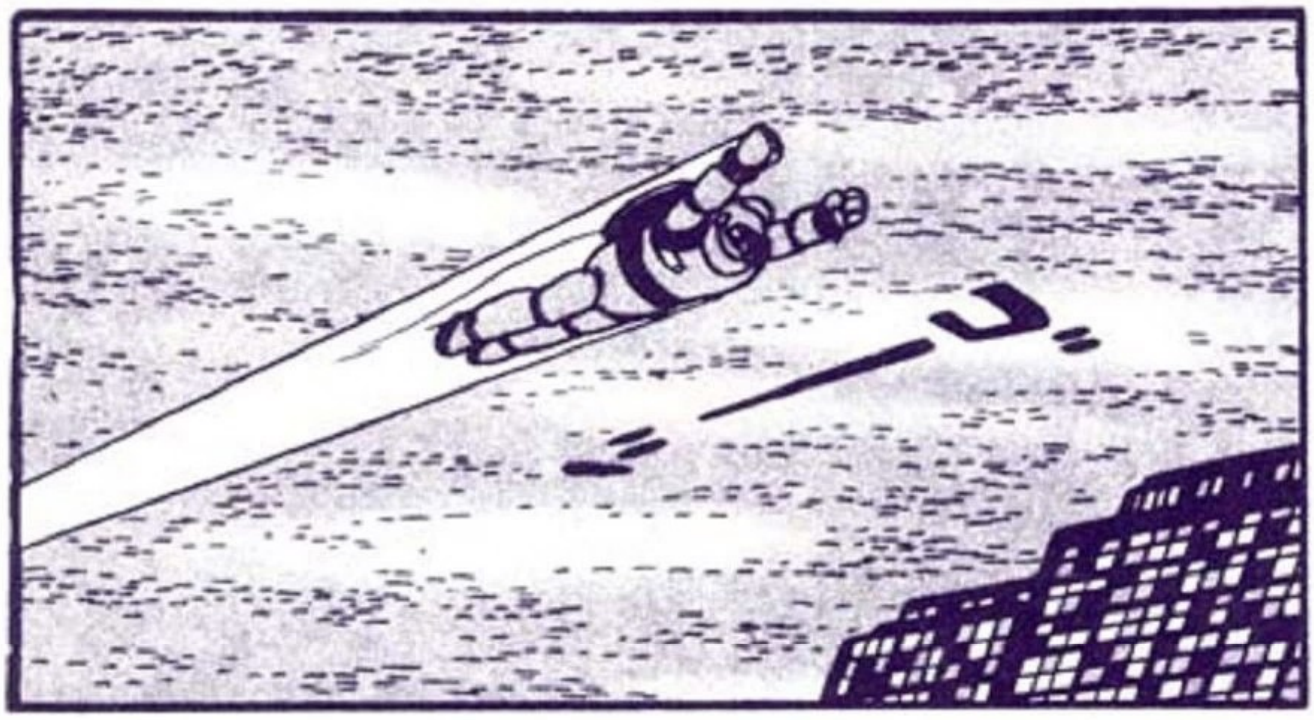
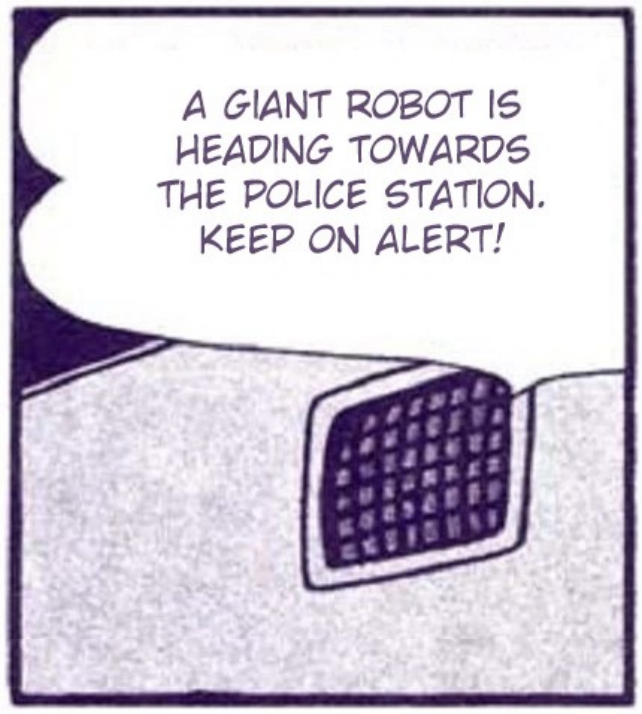
WHOA!
THERE IT IS!

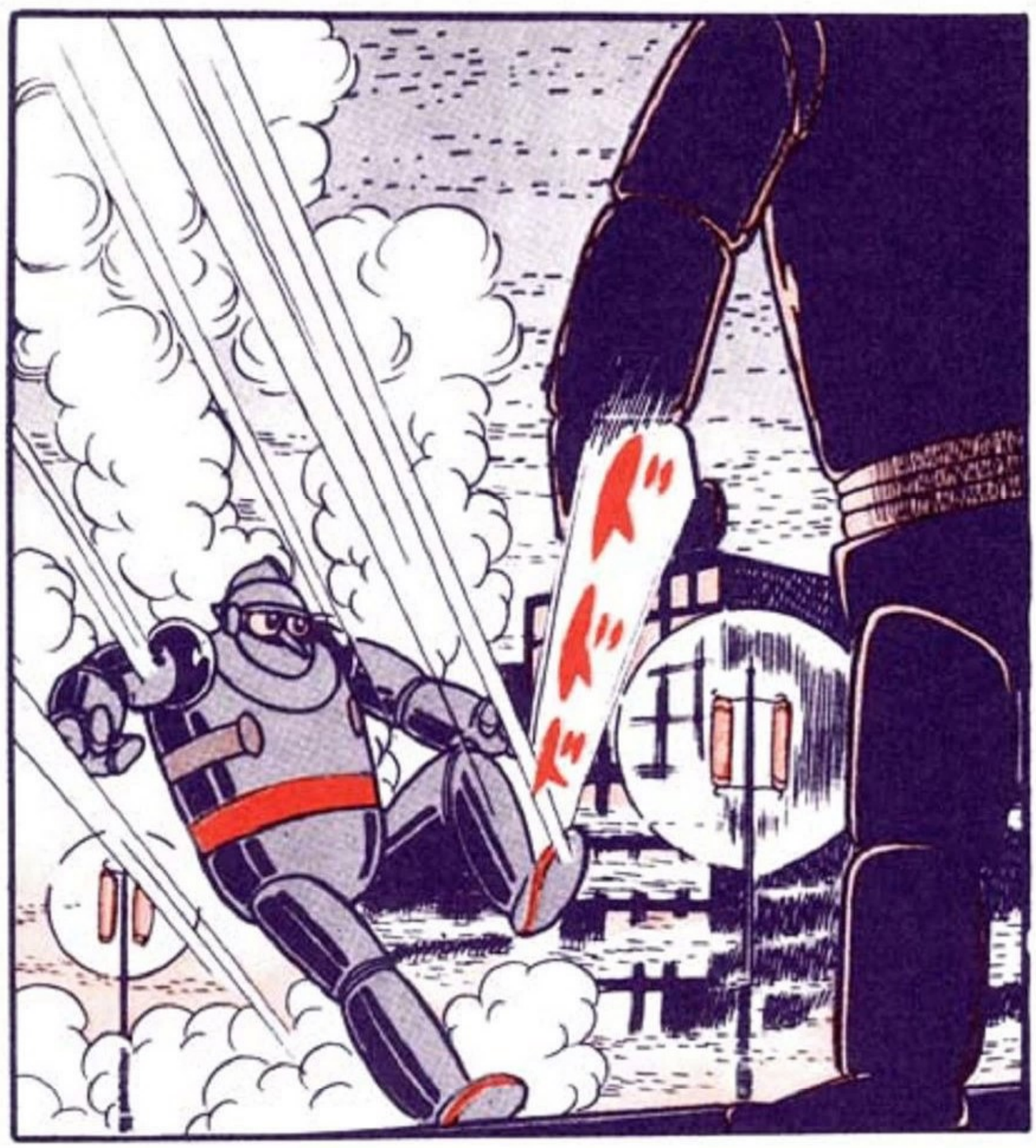
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WHAT THE HELL?




A GIANT ROBOT IS HEADING TOWARDS THE POLICE STATION. KEEP ON ALERT!

GUUAAAH!

TETSUJIN IS HERE!



HE'S GOING TO FIGHT TETSUJIN

ALL RIGHT, LET'S SEE WHAT HE CAN DO

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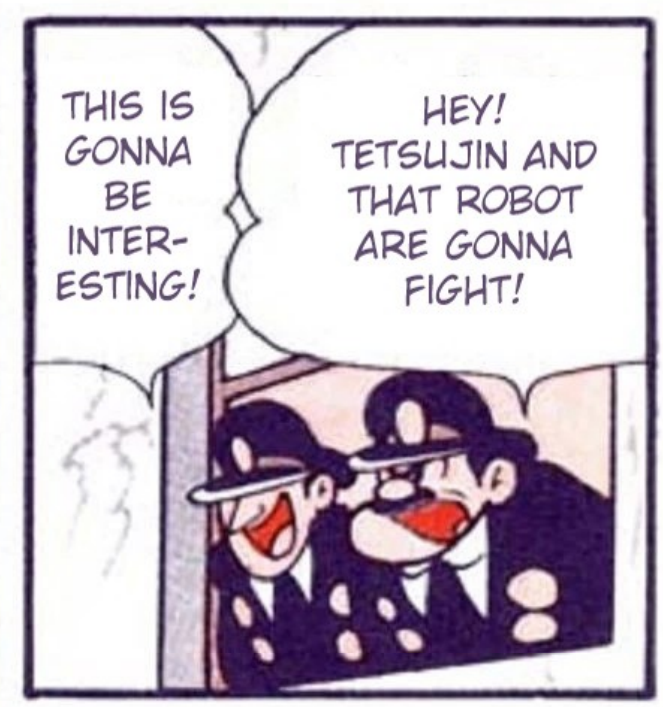
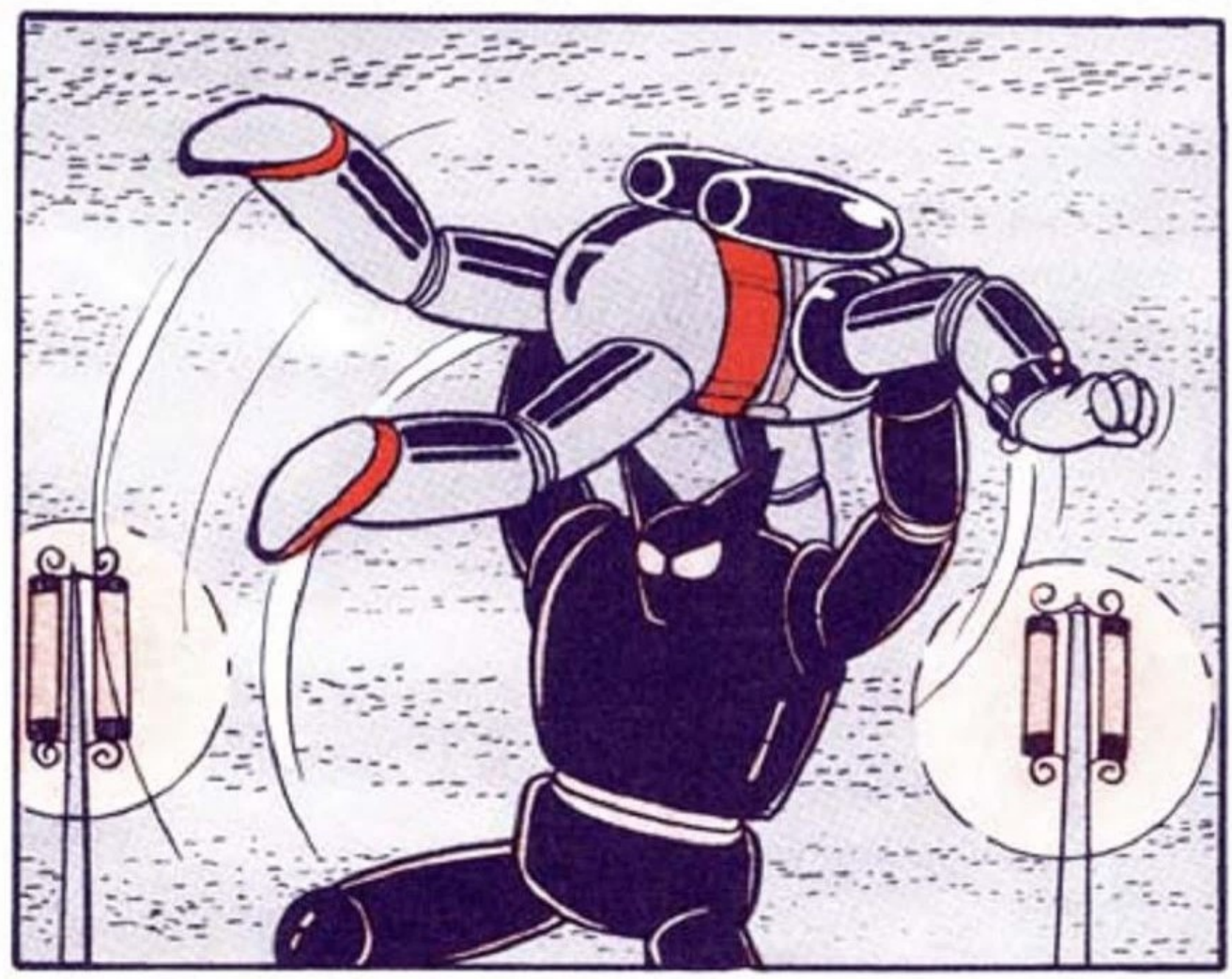
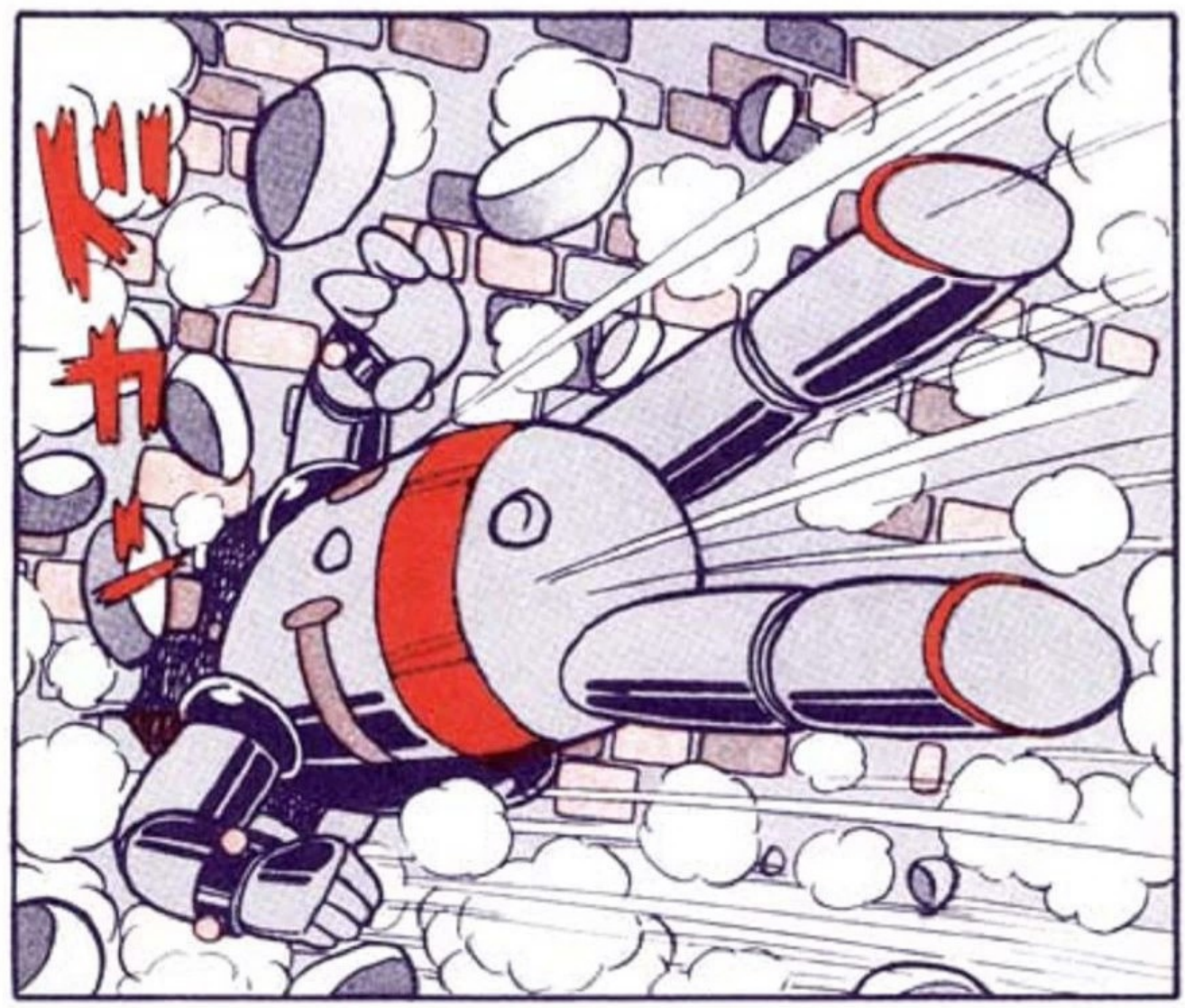
GUAHHHH!


THIS IS GONNA BE INTER-ESTING!
HEY! TETSUJIN AND THAT ROBOT ARE GONNA FIGHT!

TETSUJIN DON'T GIVE UP!
GET EM TETSUJIN!

TETSUJIN! WHAT'S WRONG?

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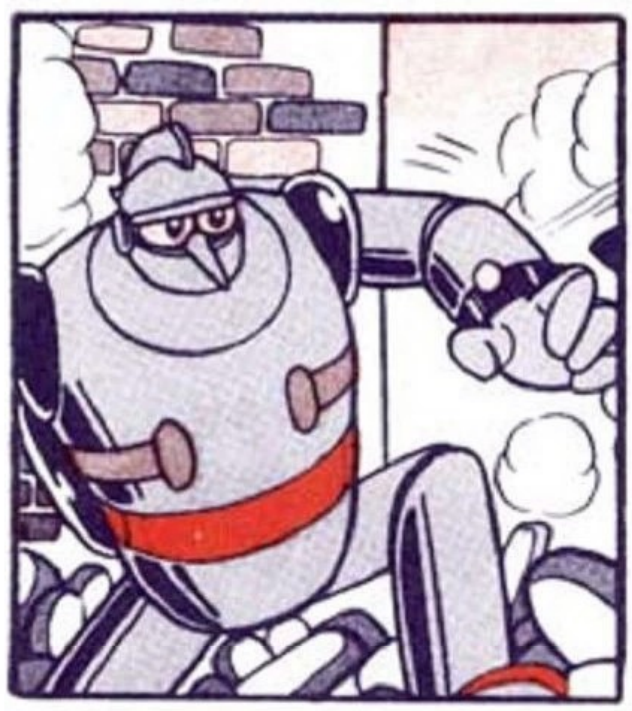

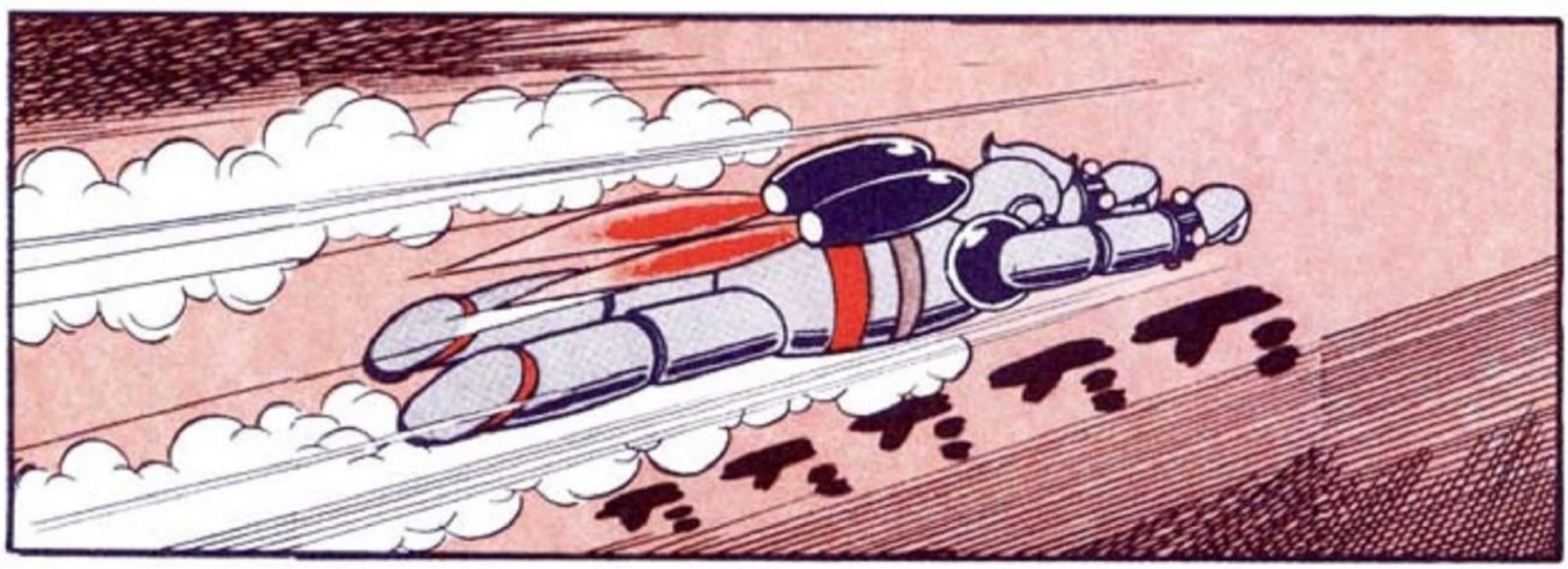

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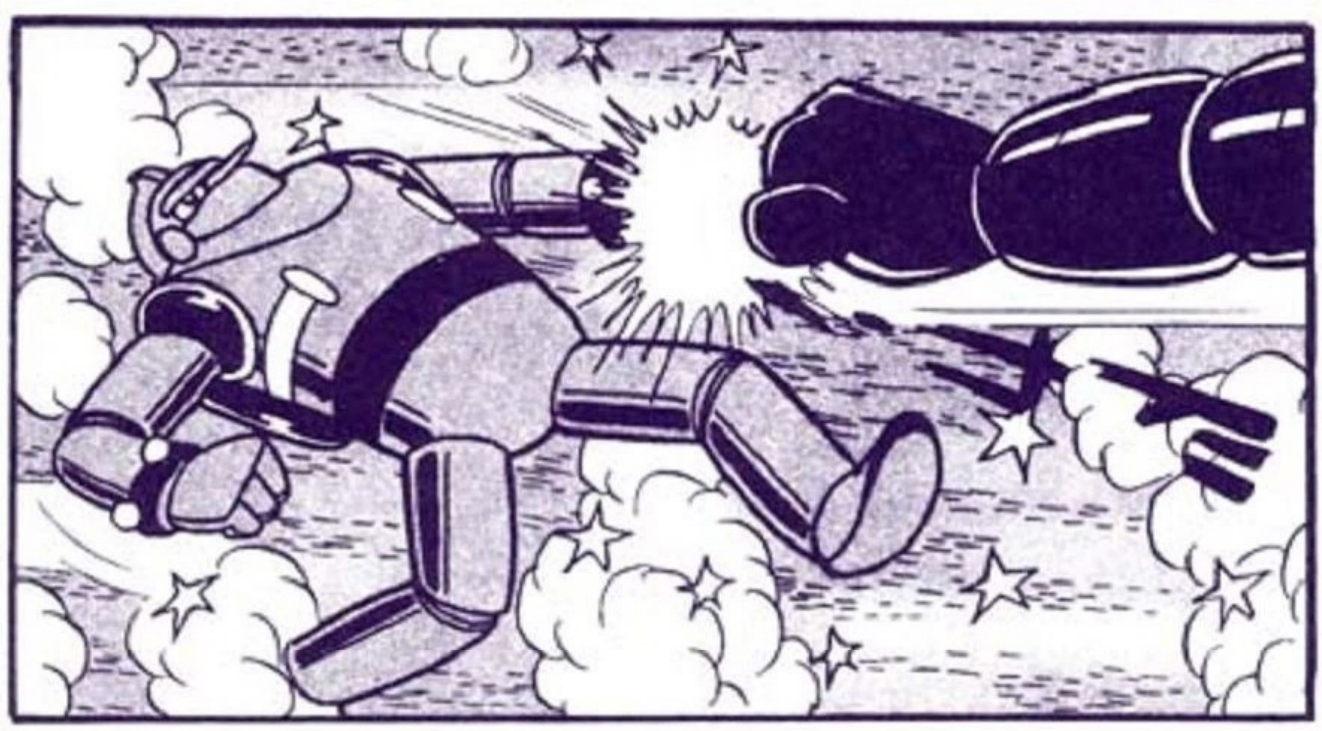

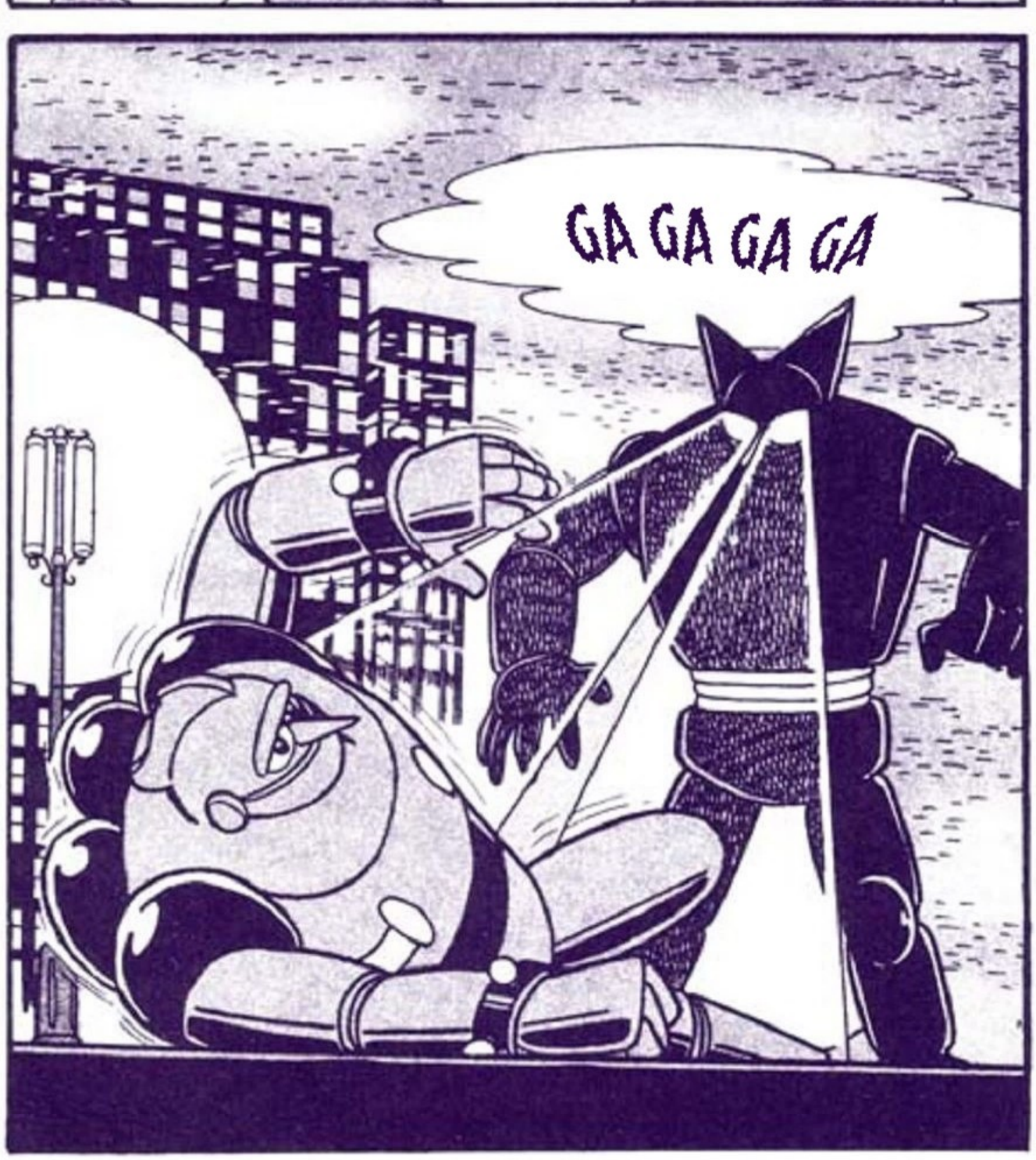
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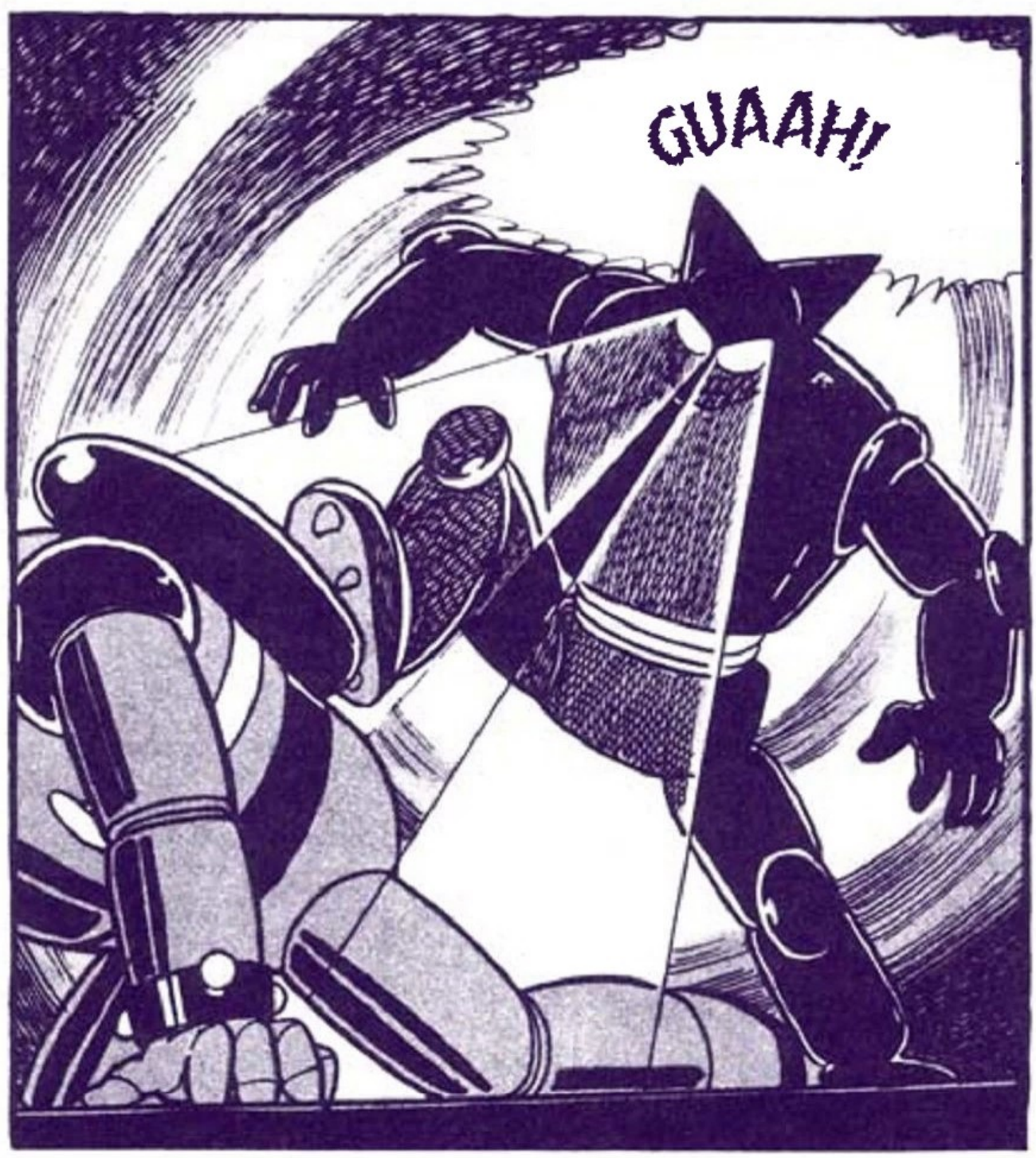
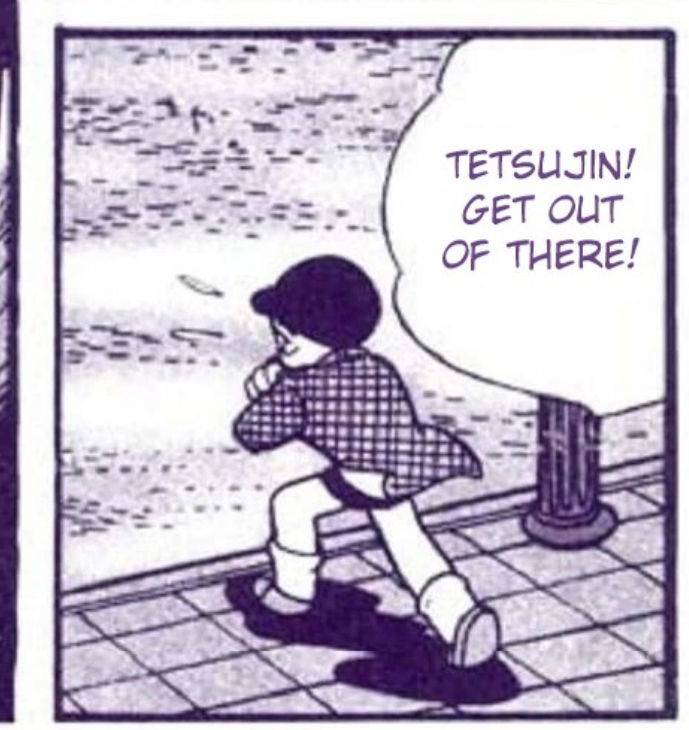
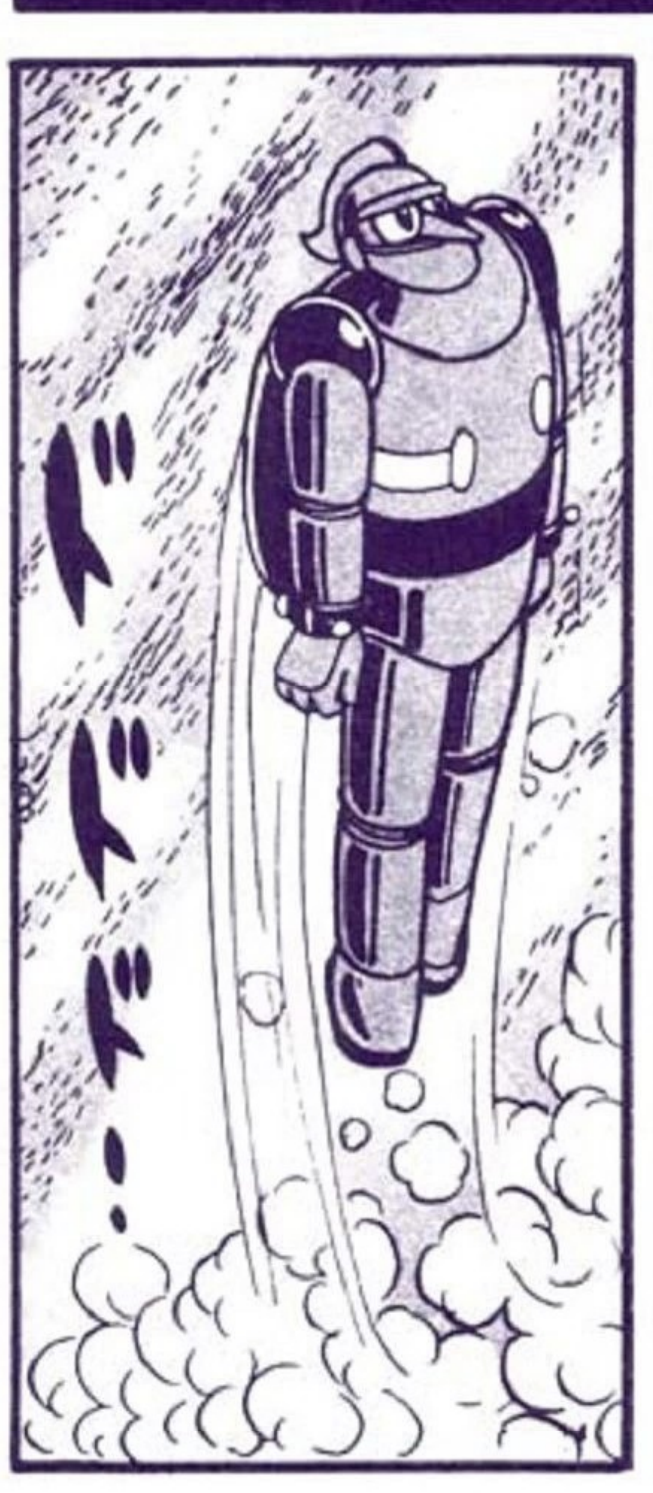
IT'S WEIRD! IT'S LIKE HE'S A RAG DOLL. HE SEEMS TO BE BROKEN!


GUAAH!

OH NO! TETSUJIN IS IN DANGER!


TETSUJIN! GET OUT OF THERE!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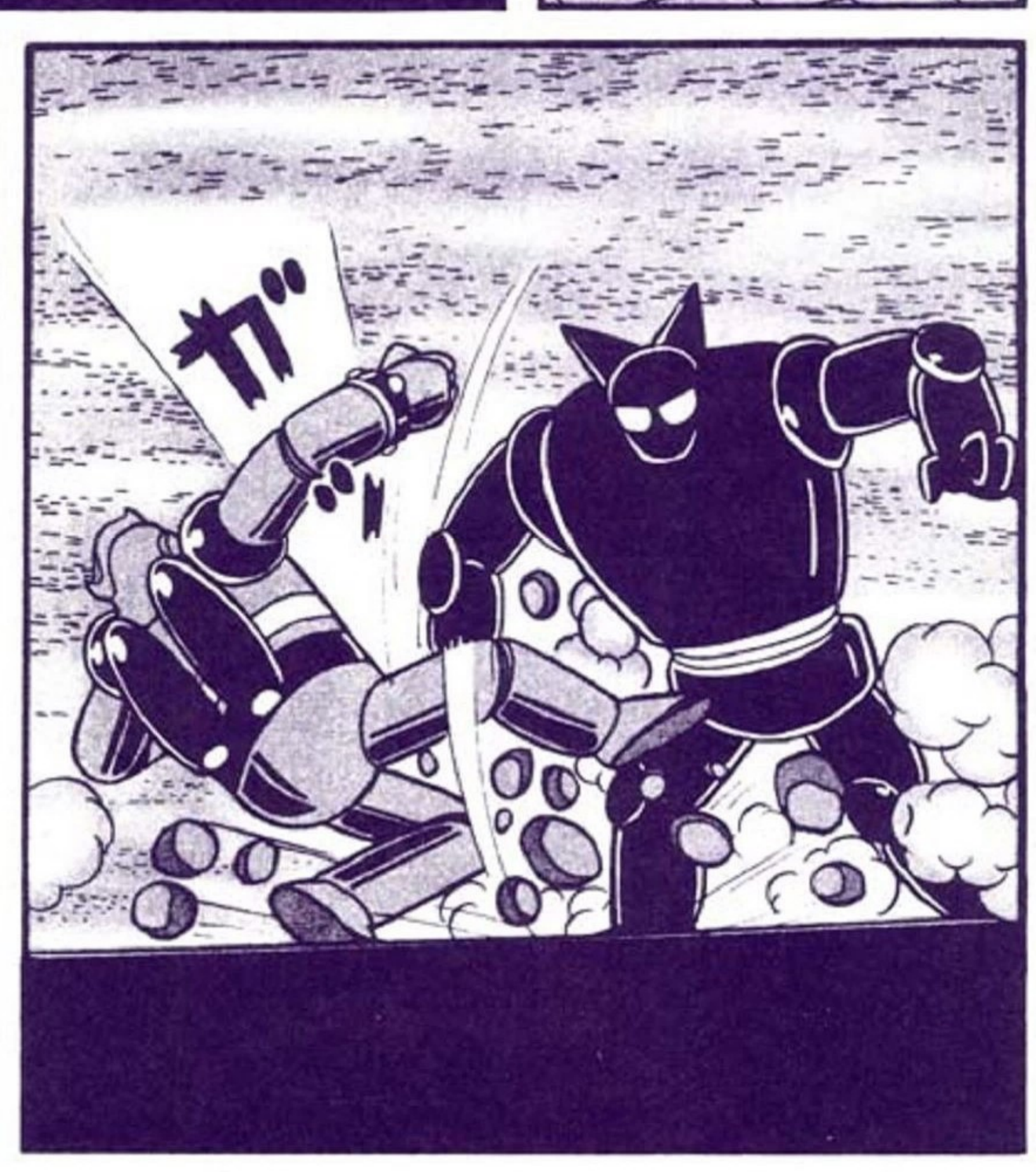
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UH OH, HE'S HEADING BACK TO THE POLICE STATION!

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IF HE GETS AWAY FROM THAT ROBOT FOR A WHILE MAYBE HE'LL REGAIN HIS SENSES

STAY STEADY MEN!

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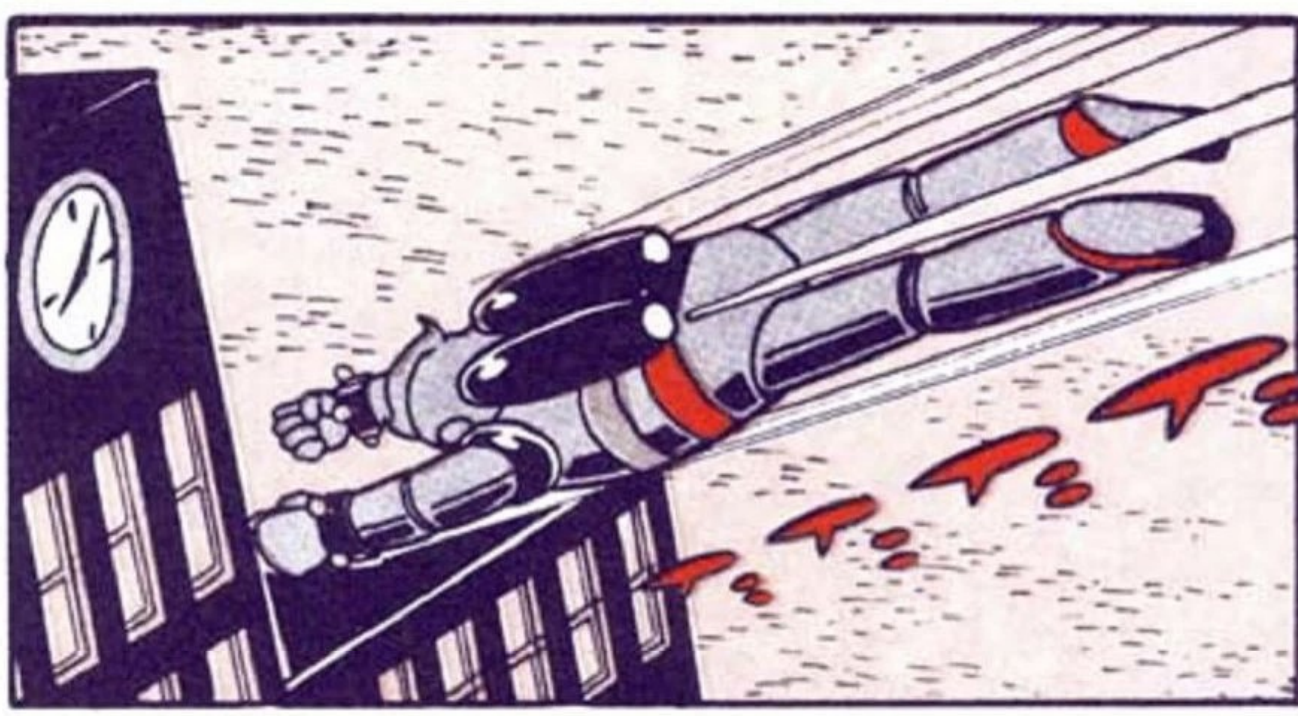
WHOA! IT'S COMING BACK THIS WAY!

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT ROBOT DOING HERE? WHAT DOES IT WANT?

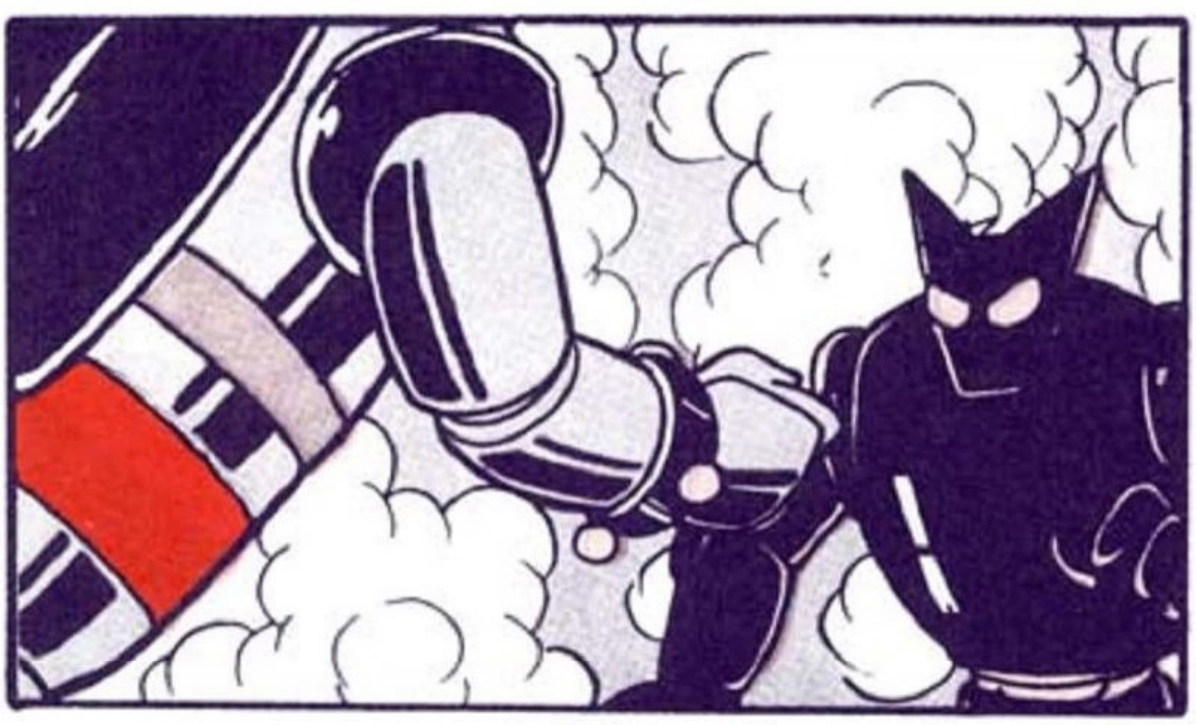
YIKES!
HE'S BROKEN
INTO THE BUILDING!

PISTOLS AREN'T
DOING THE JOB!

SHOOT!
SHOOT!



LET'S TRY
AGAIN
TETSUJIN!



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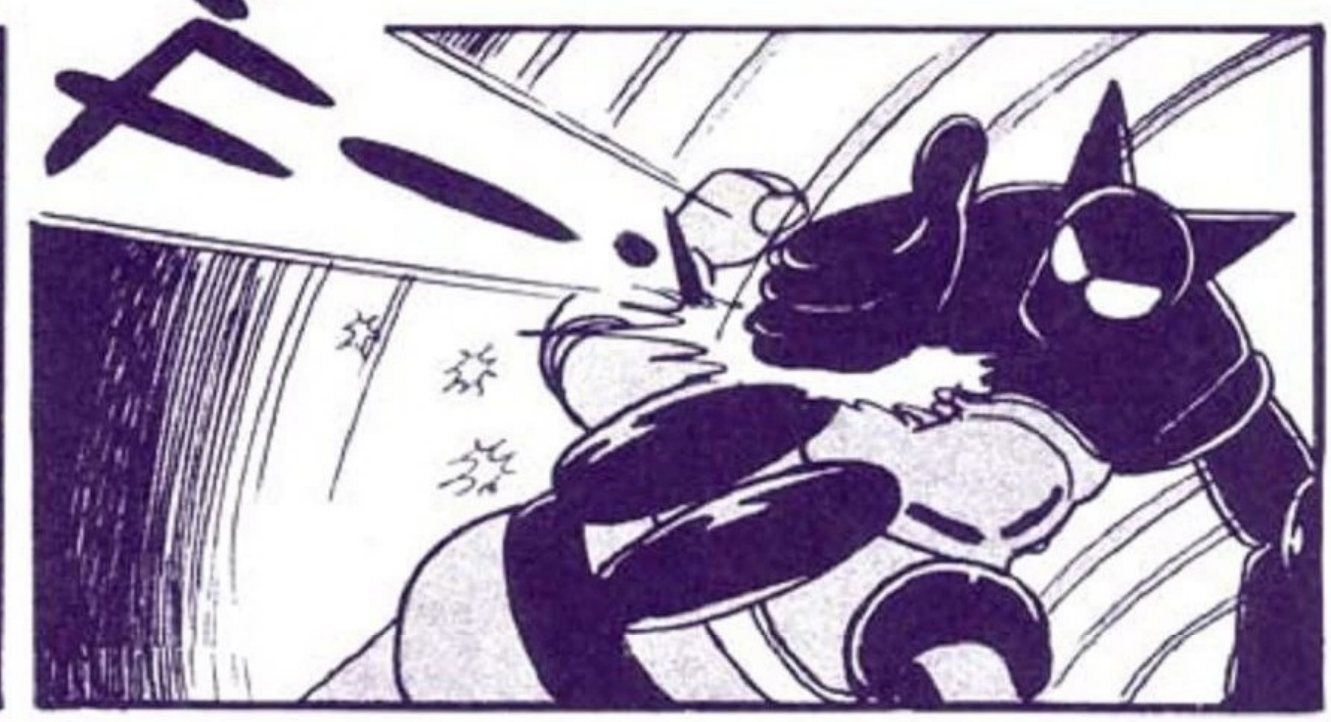
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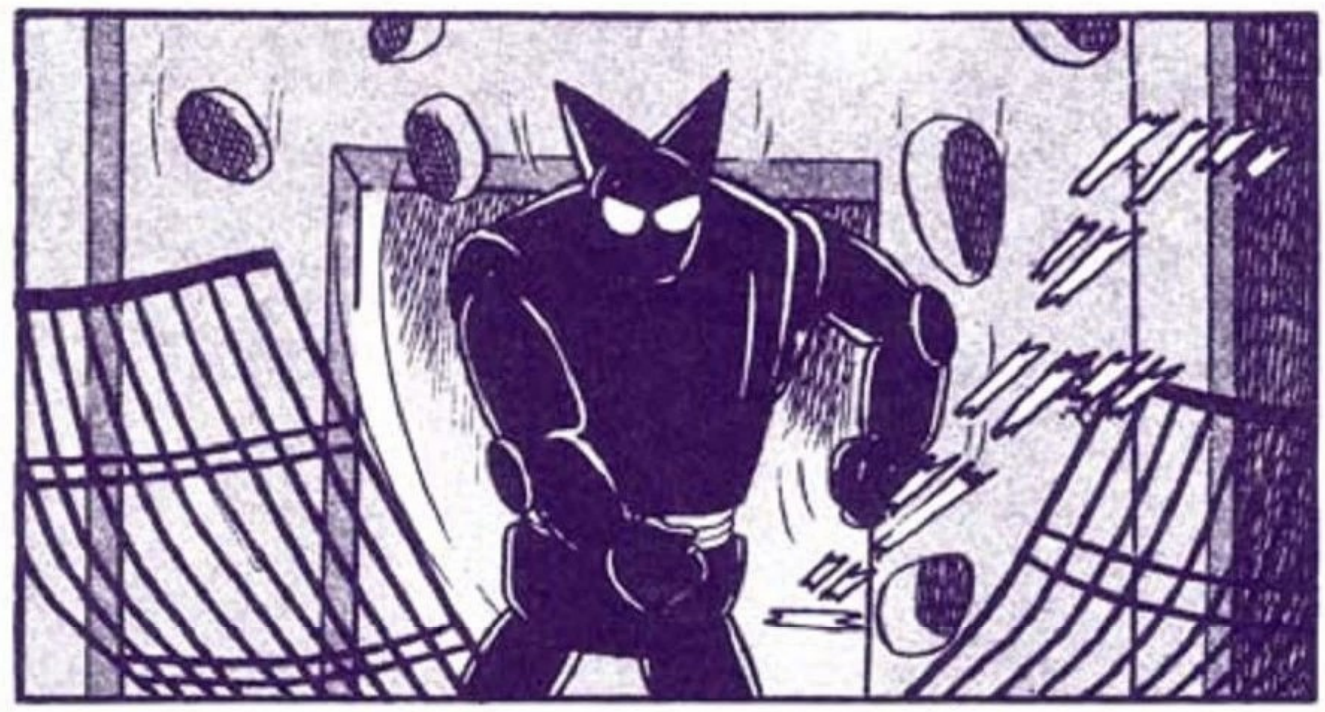
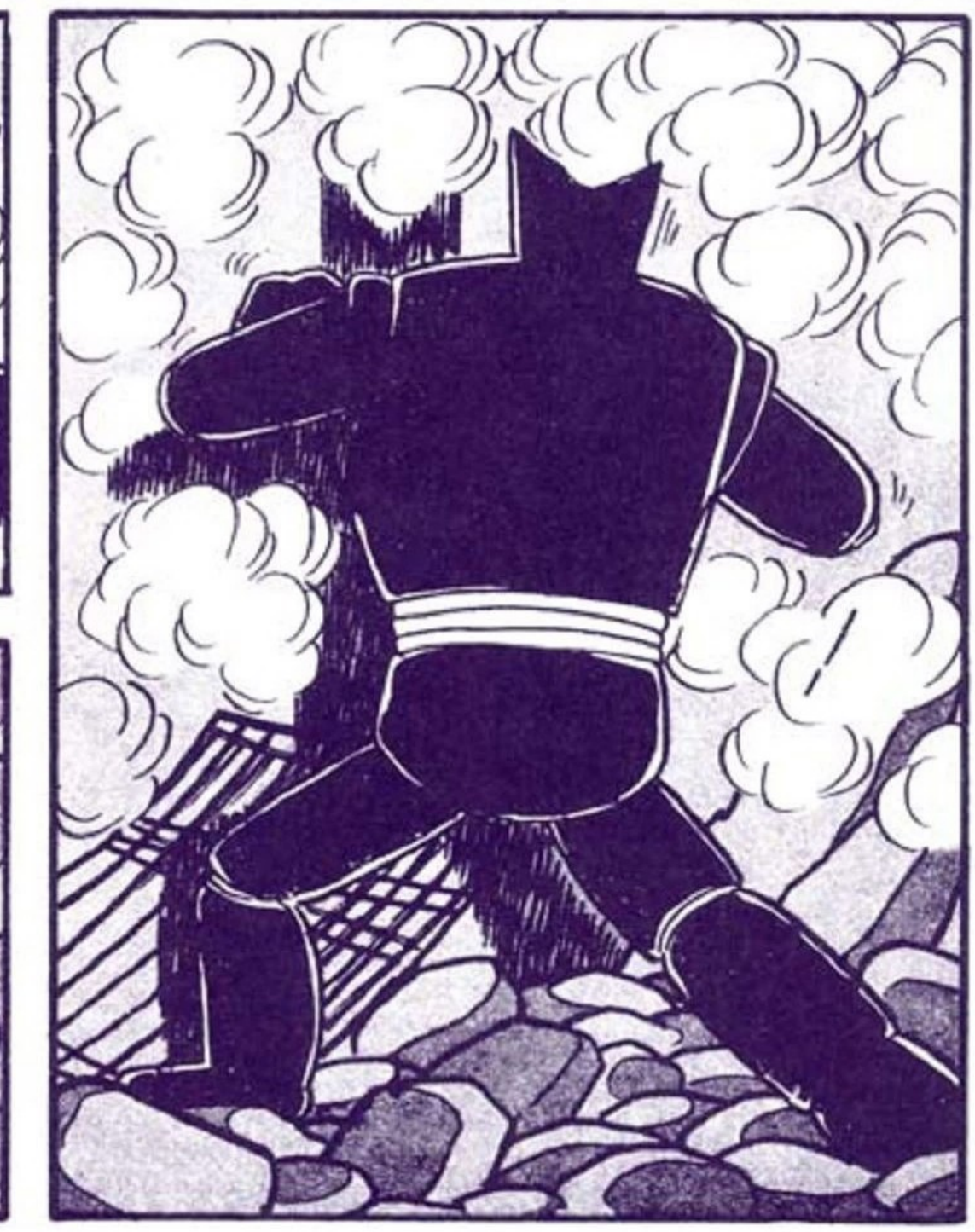
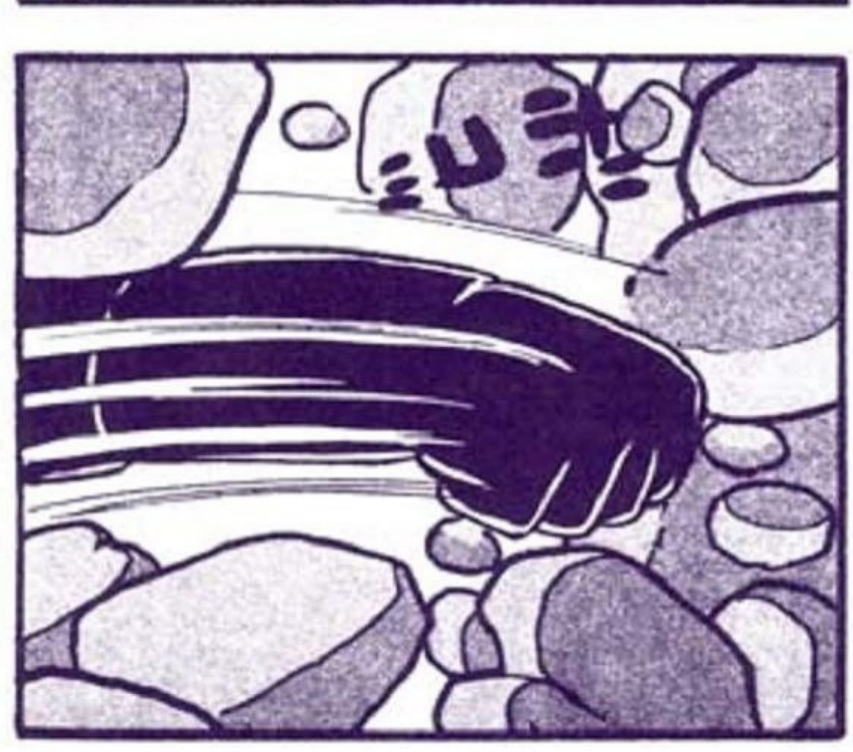
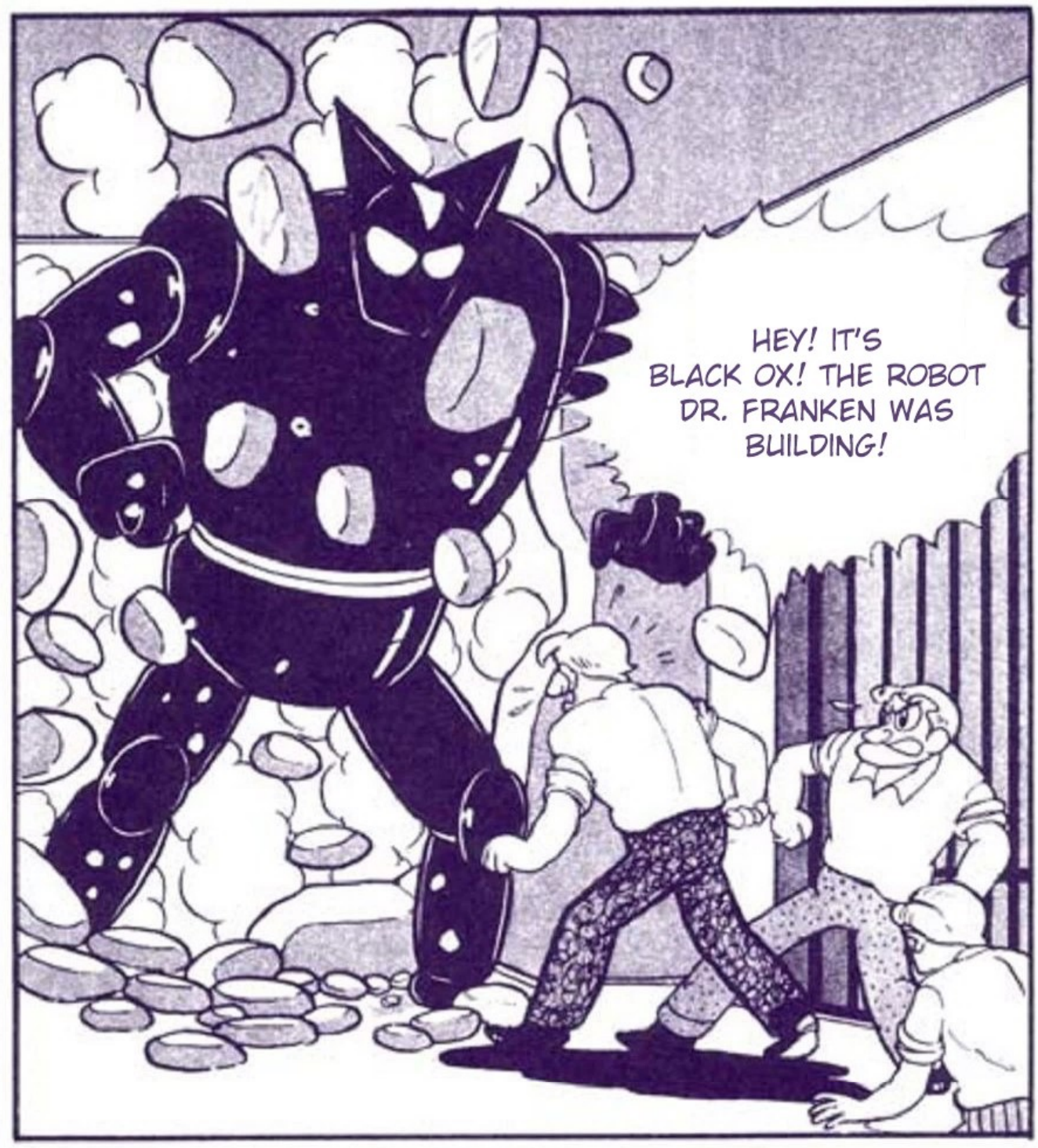


I DON'T THINK THIS IS GOING TO WORK AT ALL

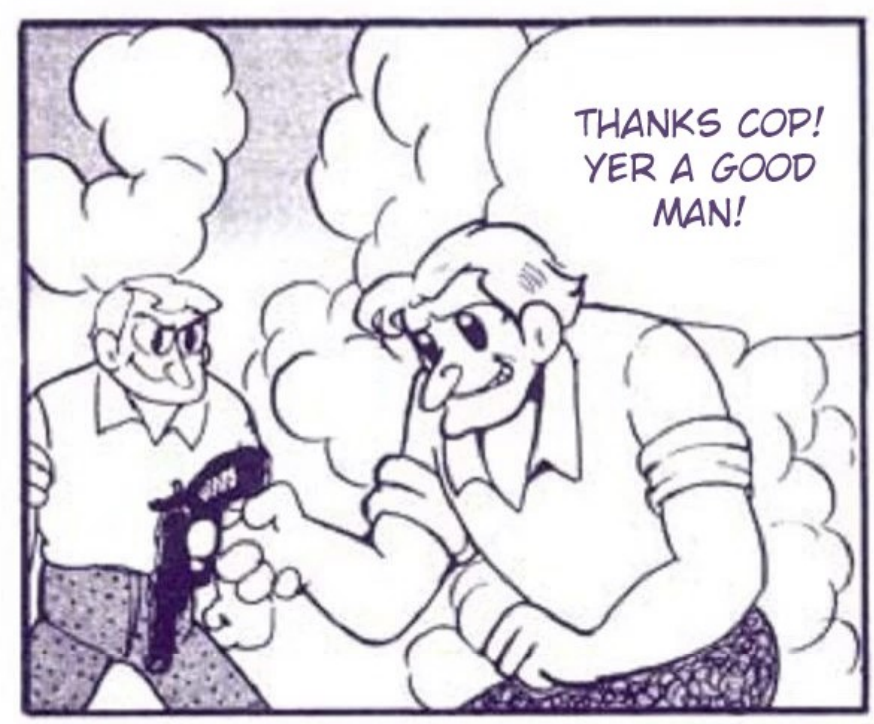


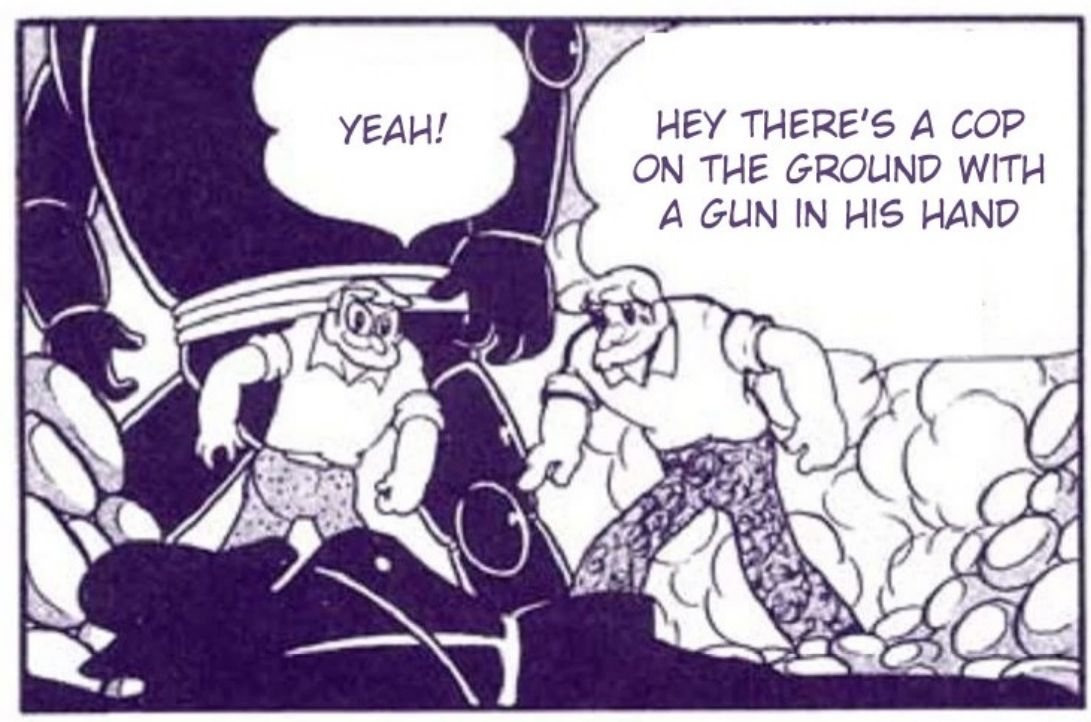


THANK GOD! LET'S GO!!
HE'S HERE TO SAVE US!


HEY! IT'S BLACK OX! THE ROBOT DR. FRANKEN WAS BUILDING!

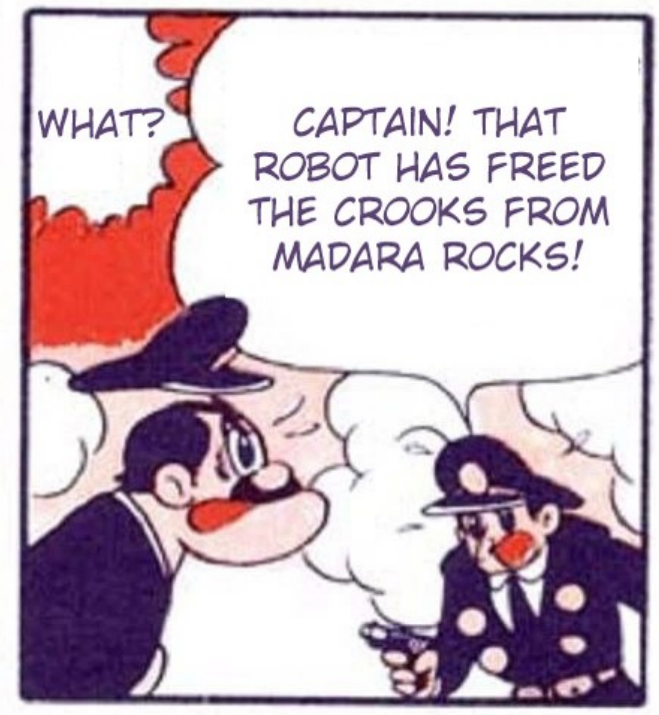
HEY! LET US OUT TOO!

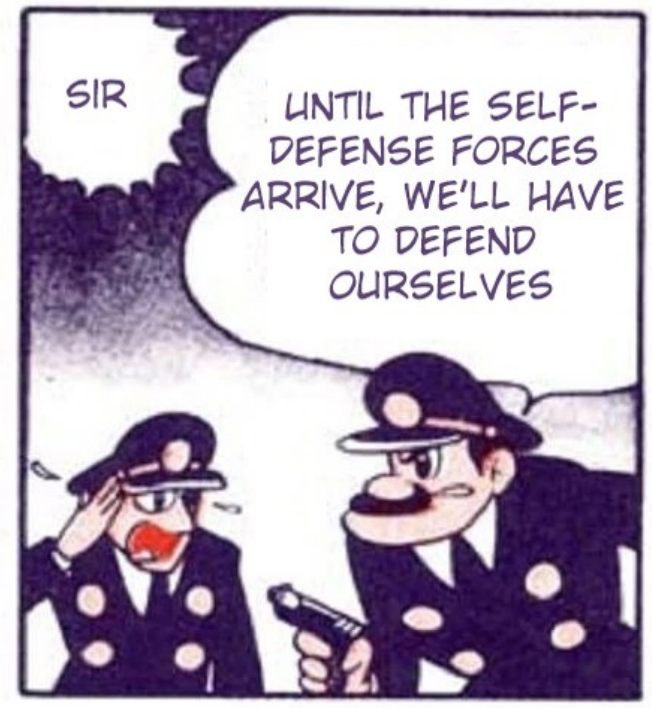

THANKS COP! YER A GOOD MAN!


YEAH!
HEY THERE'S A COP ON THE GROUND WITH A GUN IN HIS HAND

WHAT SHOULD WE DO SIR?
THE OTHER PRISONERS MIGHT TRY TO RUN AWAY IN THE CONFUSION

HRM! SO THAT ROBOT CAME TO SAVE THOSE THREE


WHAT?
CAPTAIN! THAT ROBOT HAS FREED THE CROOKS FROM MADARA ROCKS!


SIR
UNTIL THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES ARRIVE, WE'LL HAVE TO DEFEND OURSELVES

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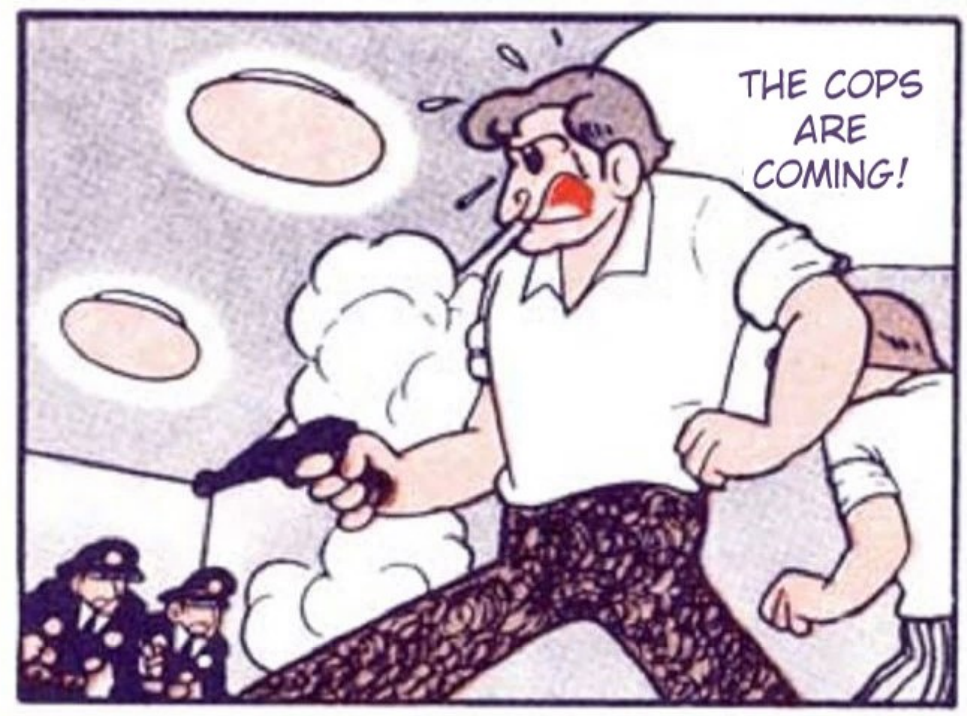
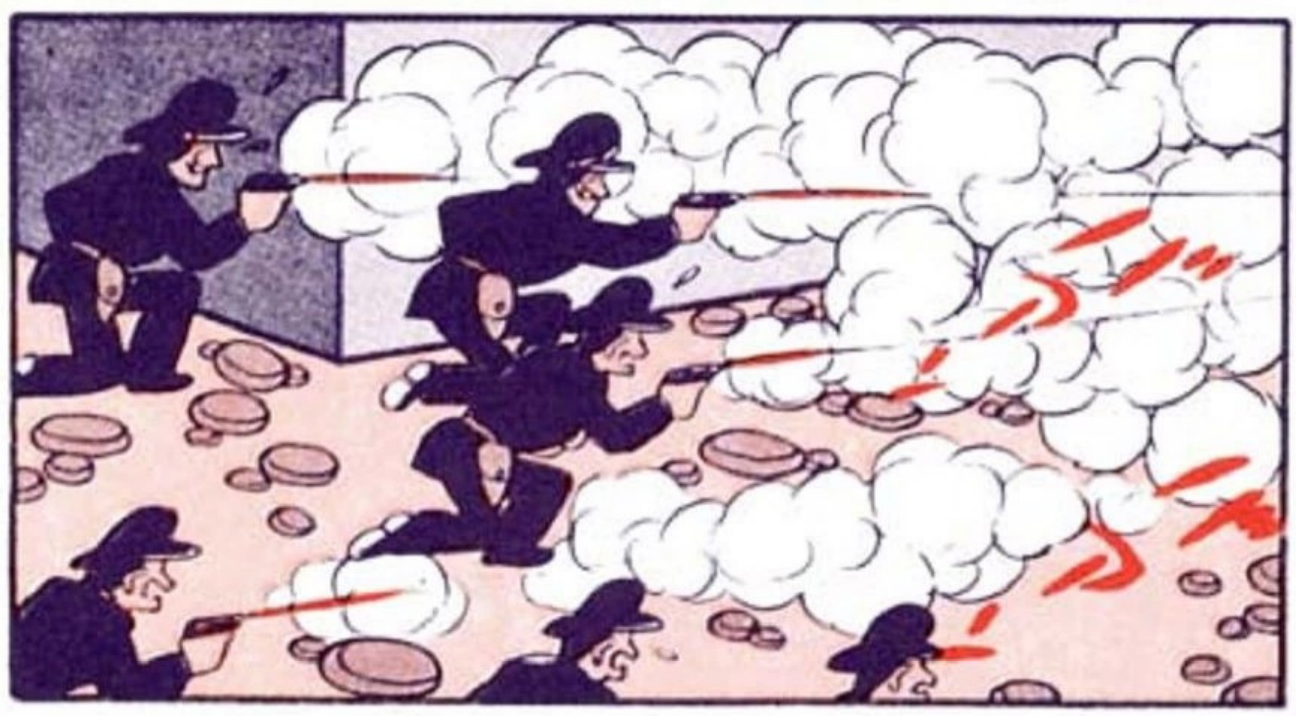
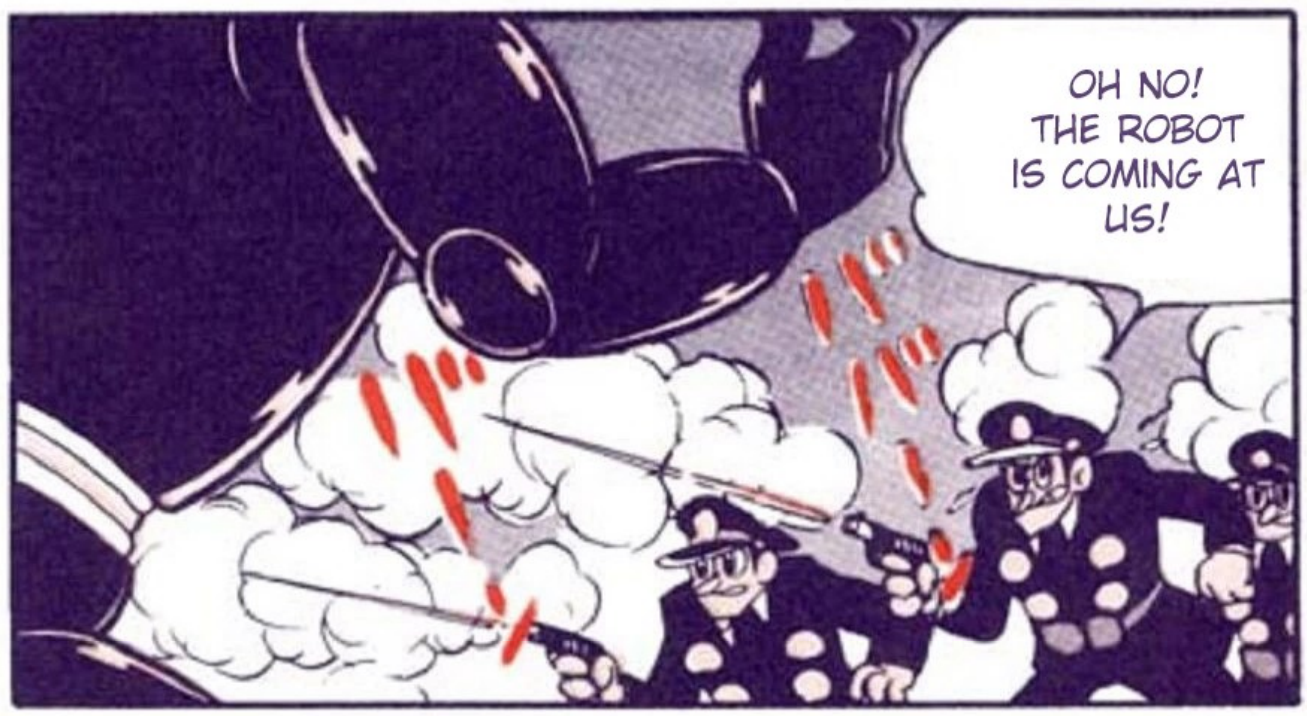

THE COPS ARE COMING!



WHOA! HE'S GOT A GUN!


OH NO! THE ROBOT IS COMING AT US!

GUAH!

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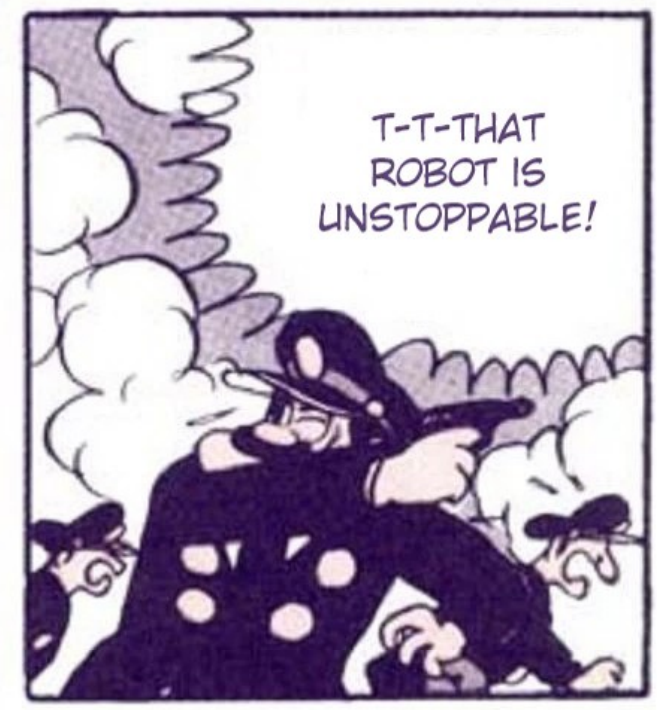
WHAA HA HAHA SUCK IT UP COPPERS!


T-T-THAT ROBOT IS UNSTOPPABLE!

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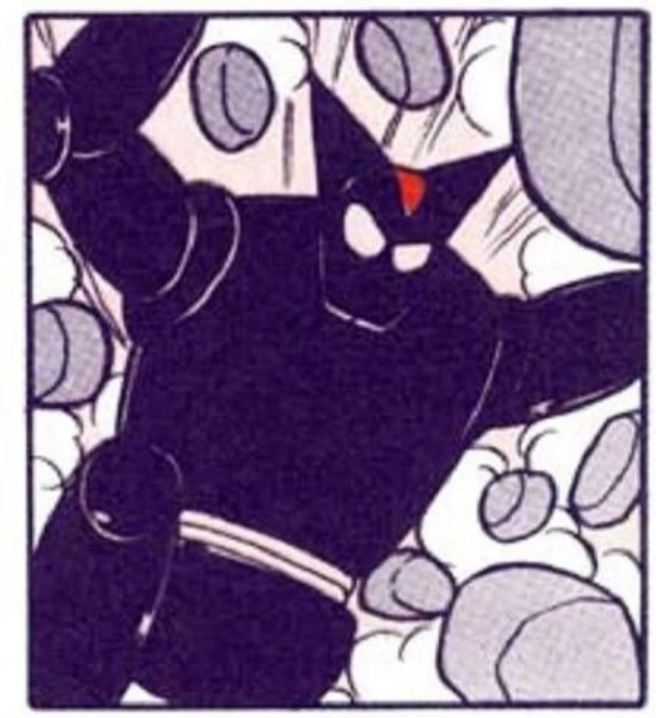
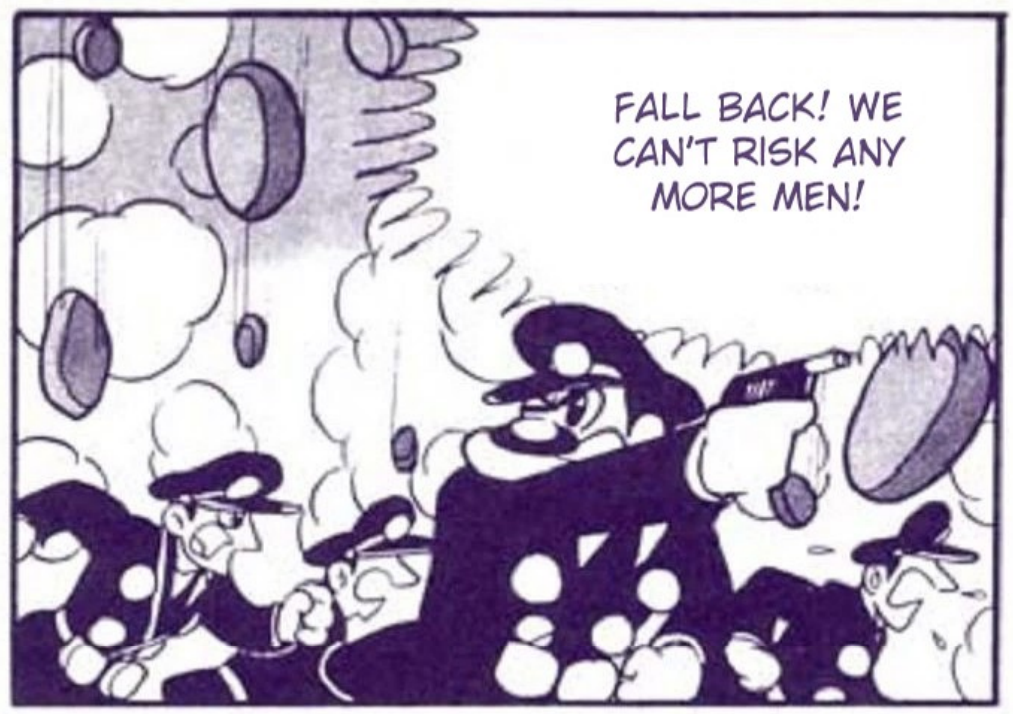
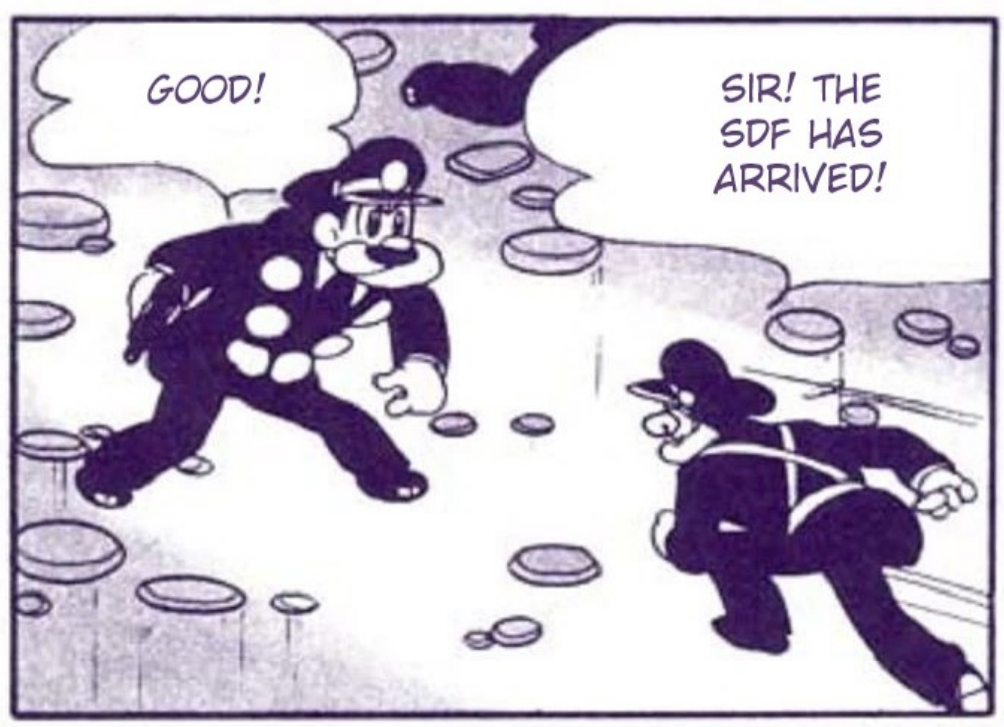
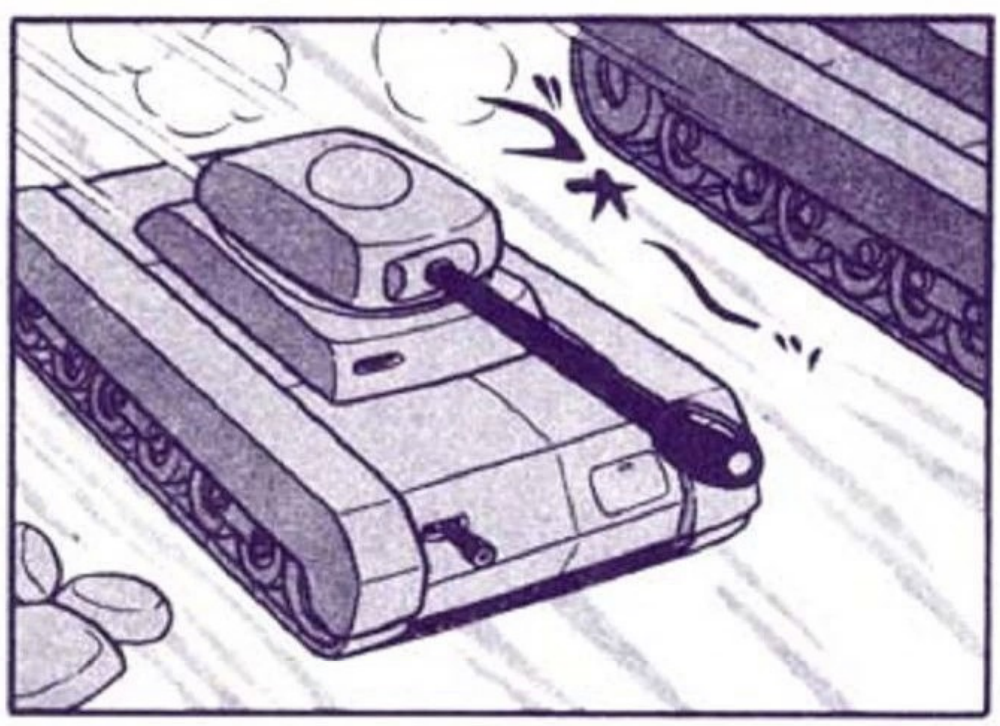
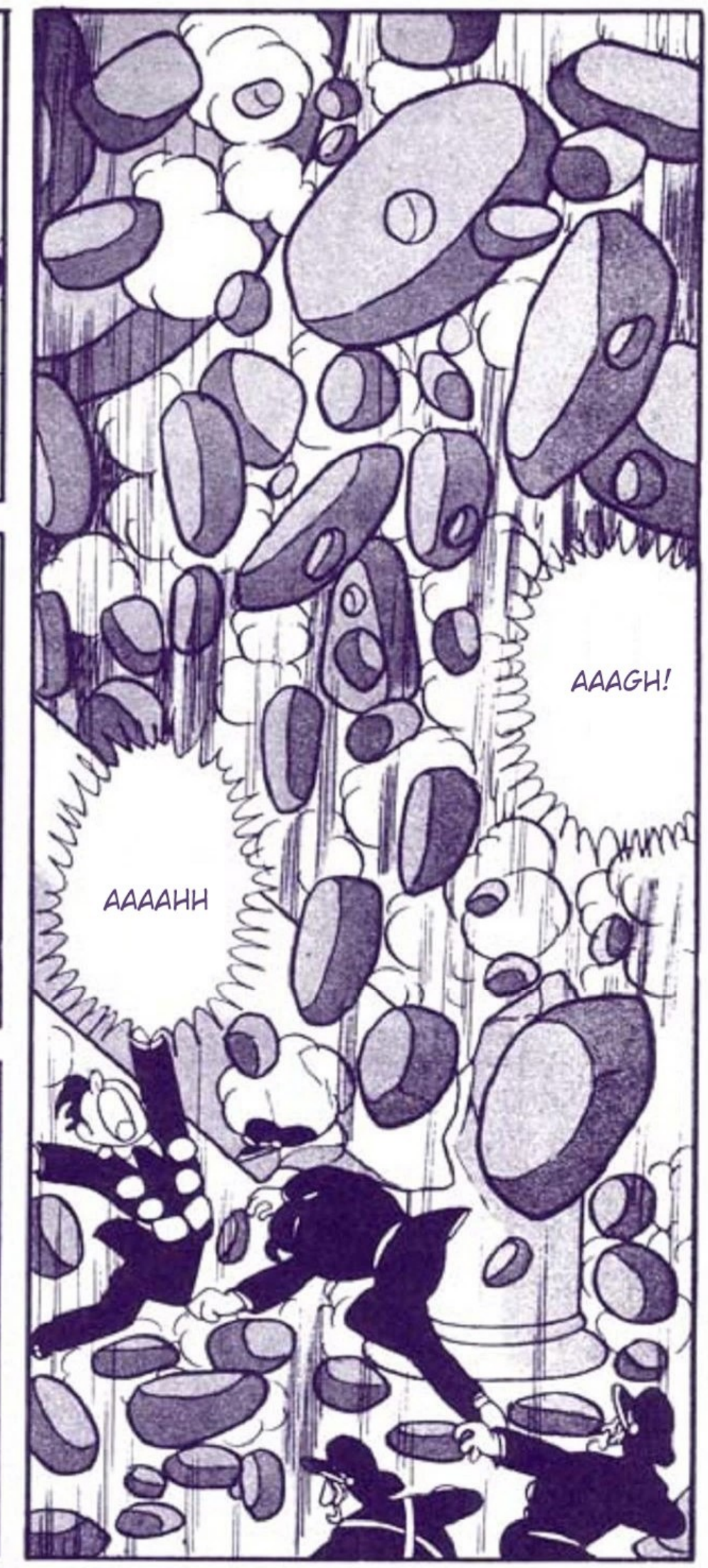



FALL BACK! WE CAN'T RISK ANY MORE MEN!


GOOD!
SIR! THE SDF HAS ARRIVED!

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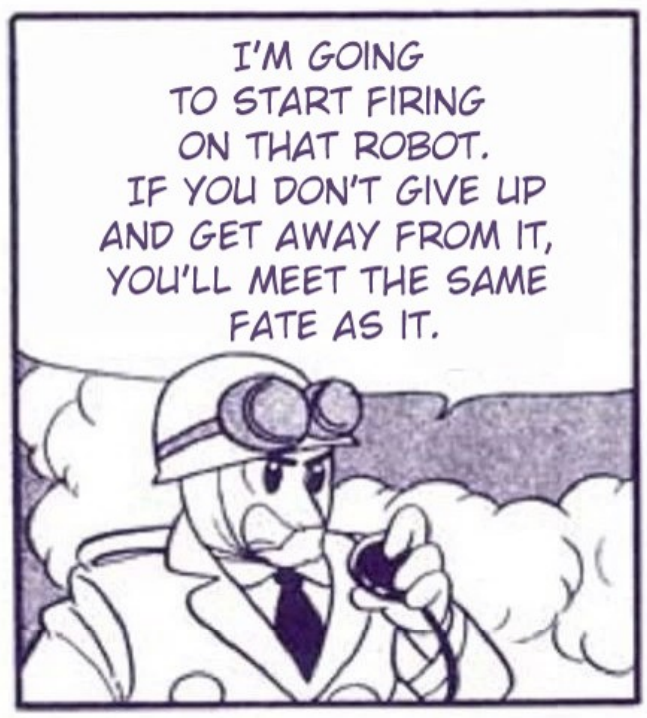
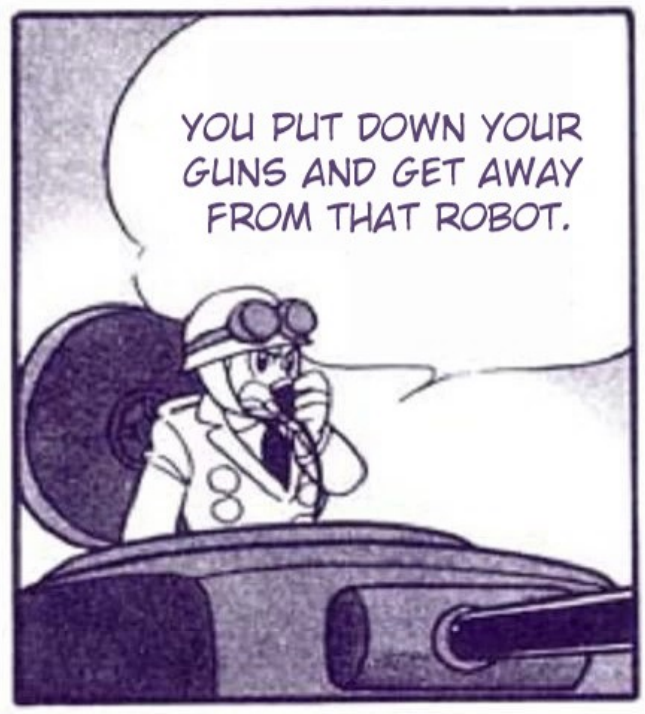
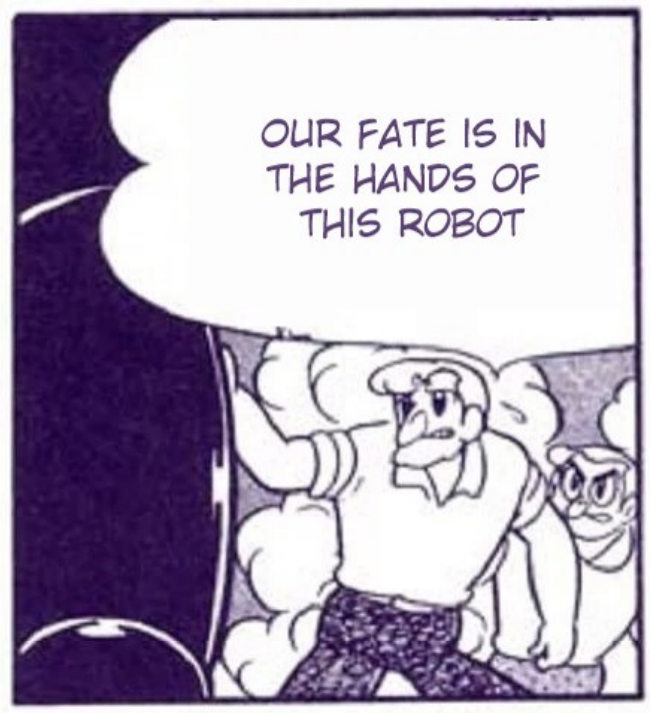

I'M GOING TO START FIRING ON THAT ROBOT. IF YOU DON'T GIVE UP AND GET AWAY FROM IT, YOU'LL MEET THE SAME FATE AS IT.


YOU PUT DOWN YOUR GUNS AND GET AWAY FROM THAT ROBOT.

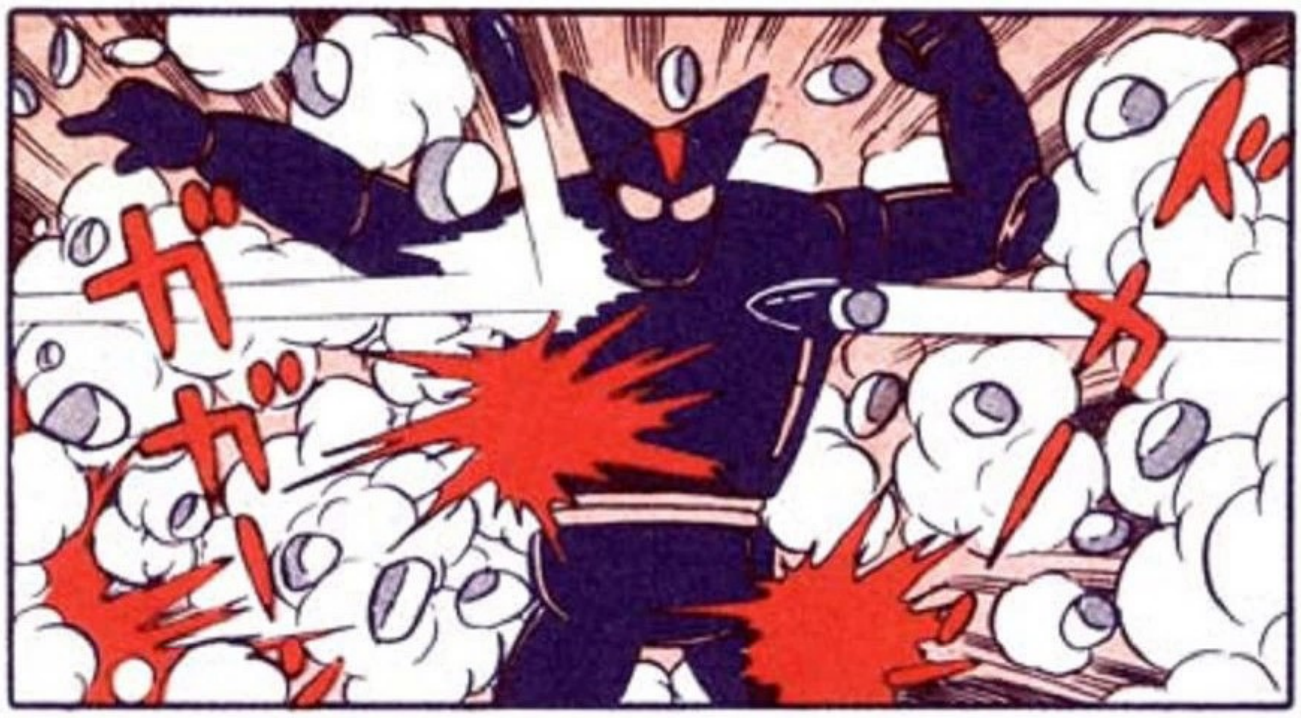
THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES HAVE US SURROUNDED!


OUR FATE IS IN THE HANDS OF THIS ROBOT

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SHIT

I WARNED YOU...
FIRE!

STILL TRYING TO FIGHT BACK HUH?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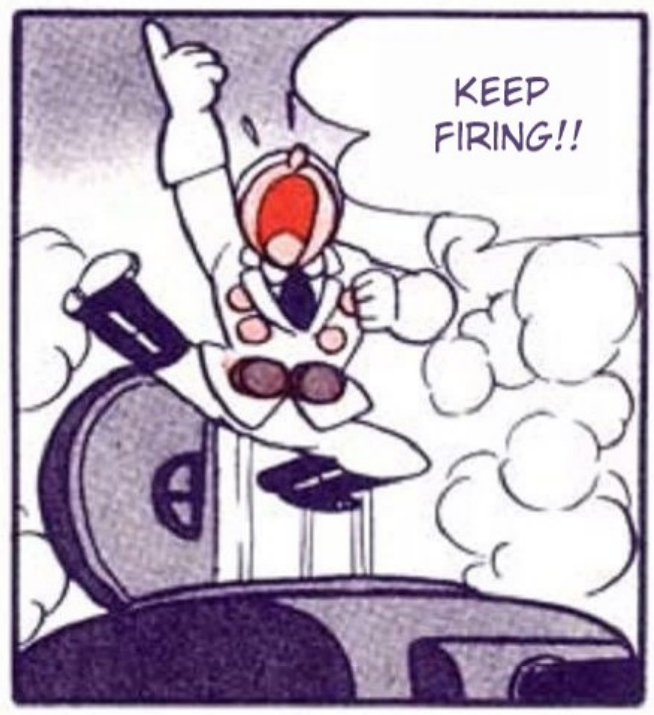
GET DOWN!

GUAAAH!

WE DIDN'T EVEN BUDGE IT!


KEEP FIRING!!

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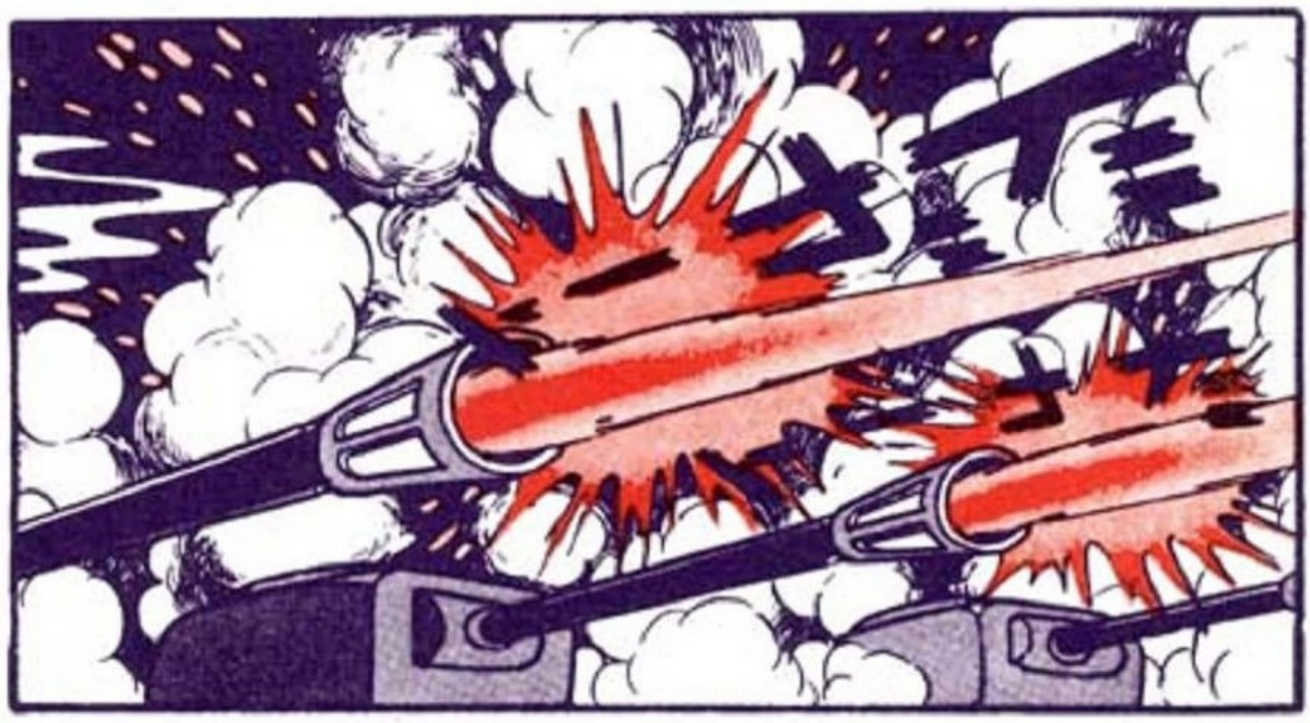

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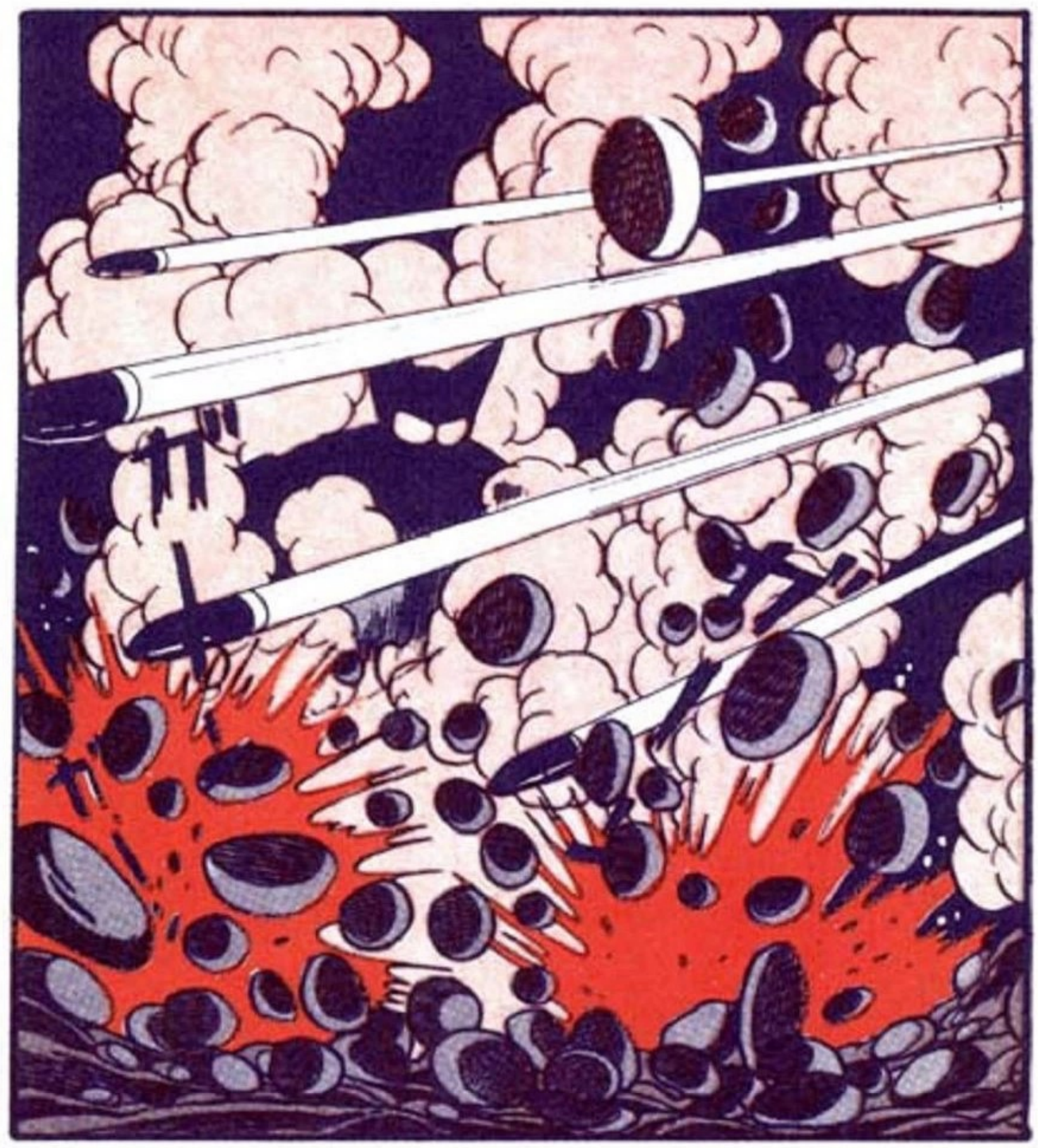
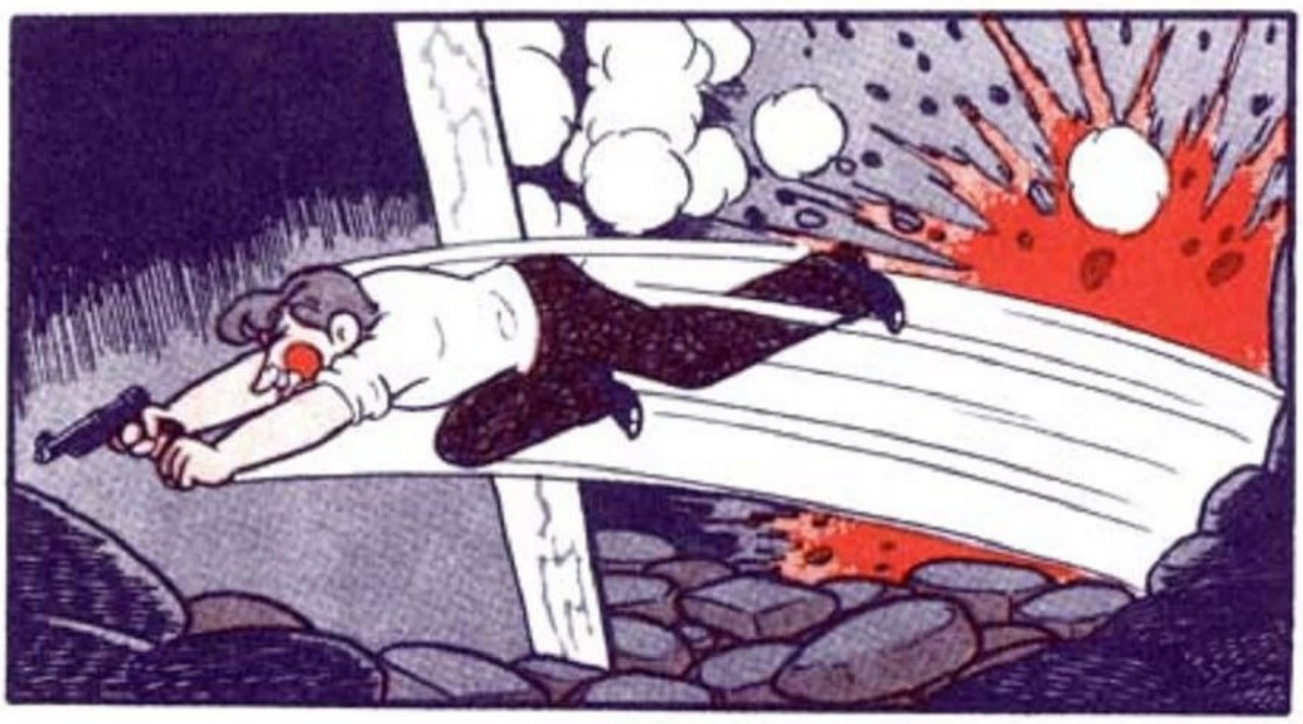


LET'S GO!
IT'S NOT SAFE HERE. WE SHOULD GET OUTTA HERE!

YOW!



OK!
WE'LL BE SAFE OVER HERE!

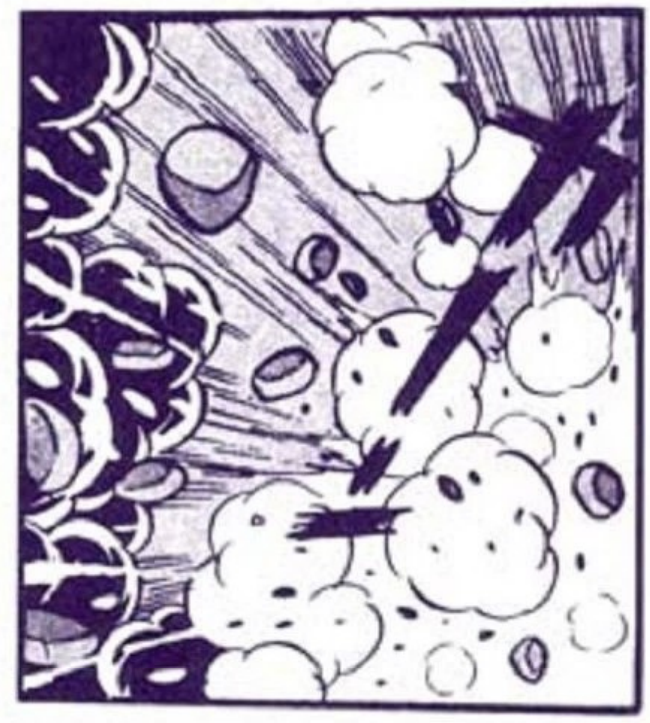
HYYAAOOW!

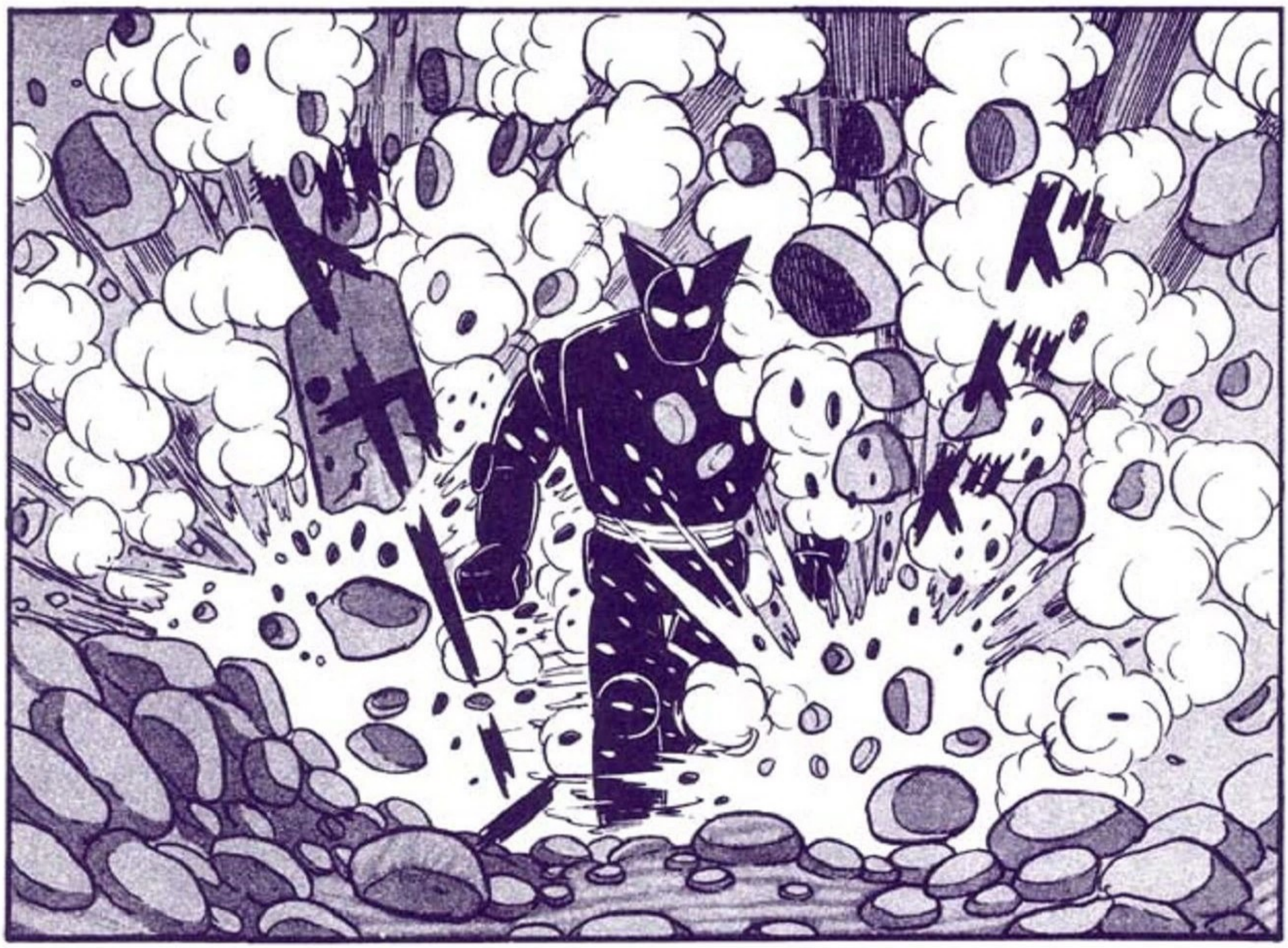
YEAH, THIS'LL BE A GAS!
LET'S STAY HERE AND TAKE IN THE SHOW FOR A WHILE!

YEAH!
LOOK! THOSE SHELLS AREN'T EVEN SCRATCHING BLACK OX!

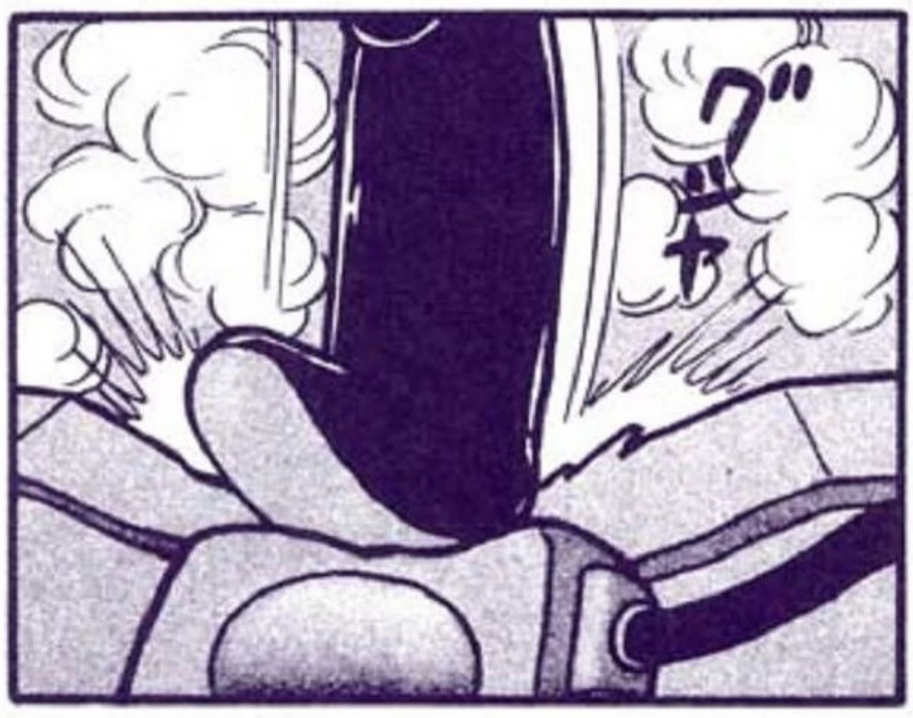
THAT WAS CLOSE!

BLACK OX IS KICKING THEIR ASSES!





WHOA, CRAP!
RETREAT!
RETREAT!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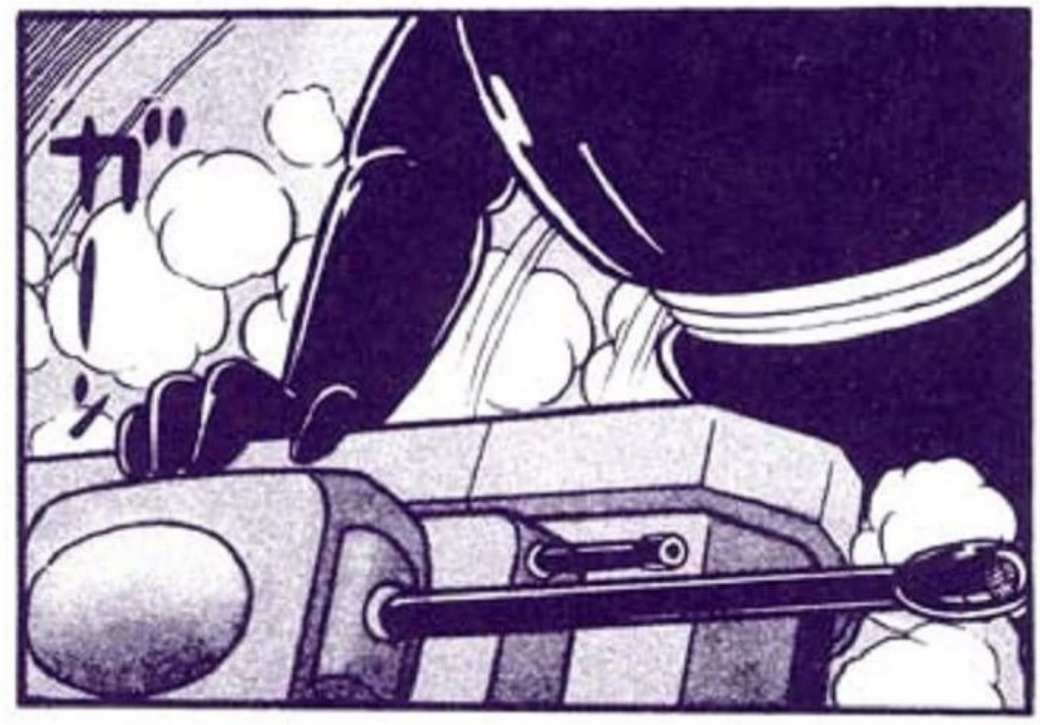
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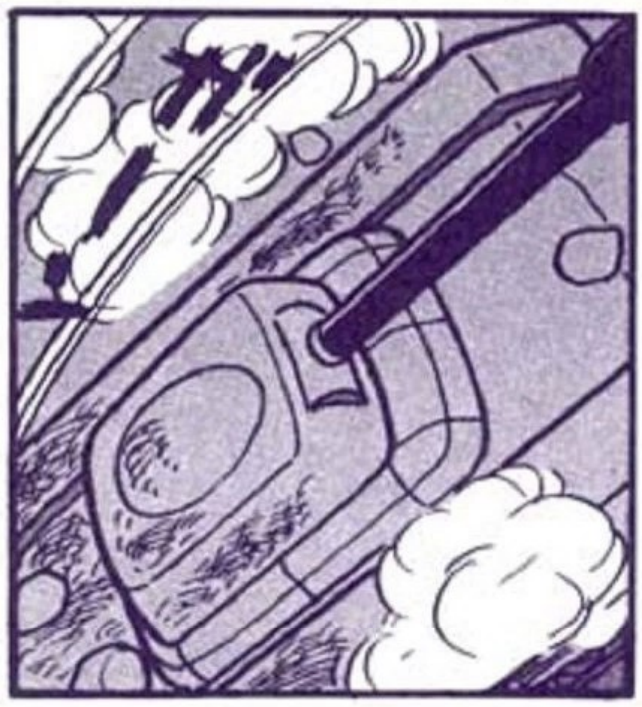
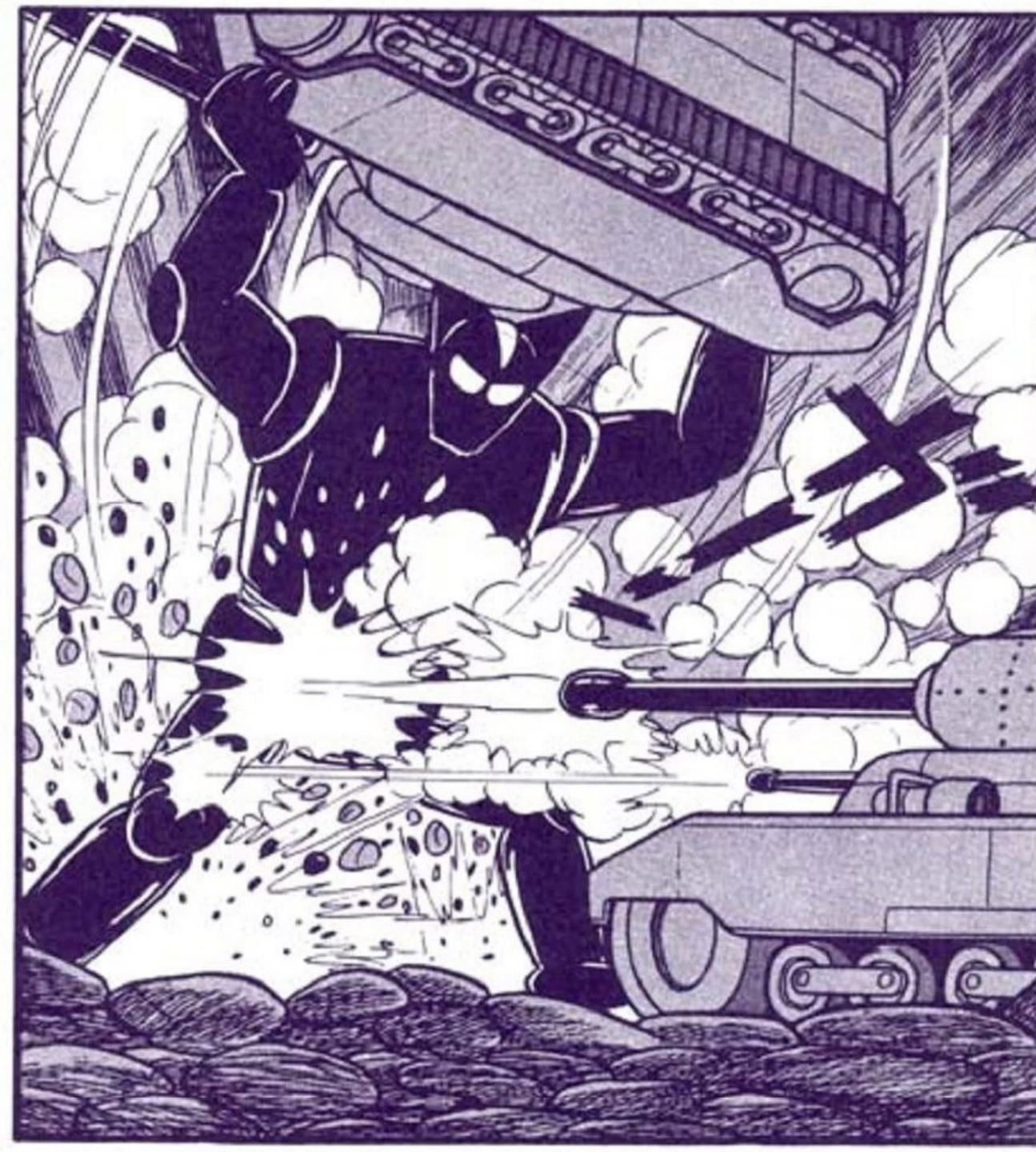
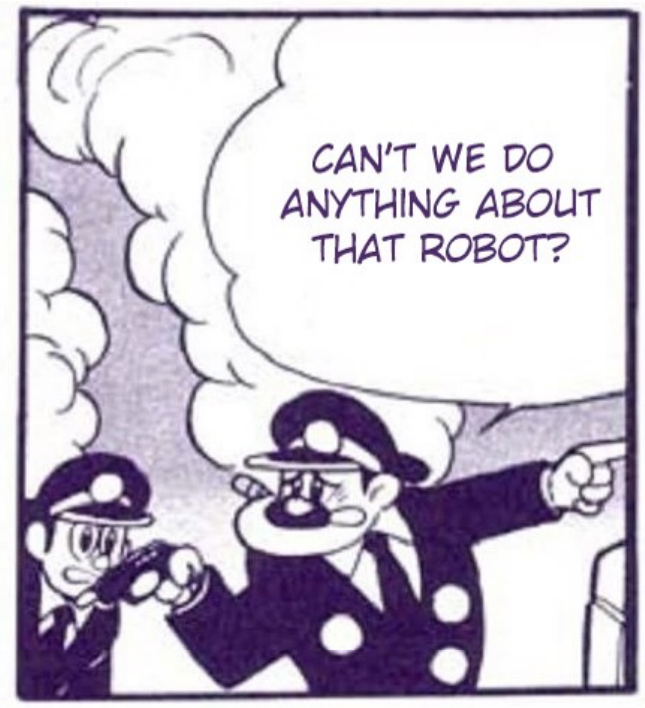




WHERE'S TETSUJIN?
CAN'T YOU SEND HIM IN?

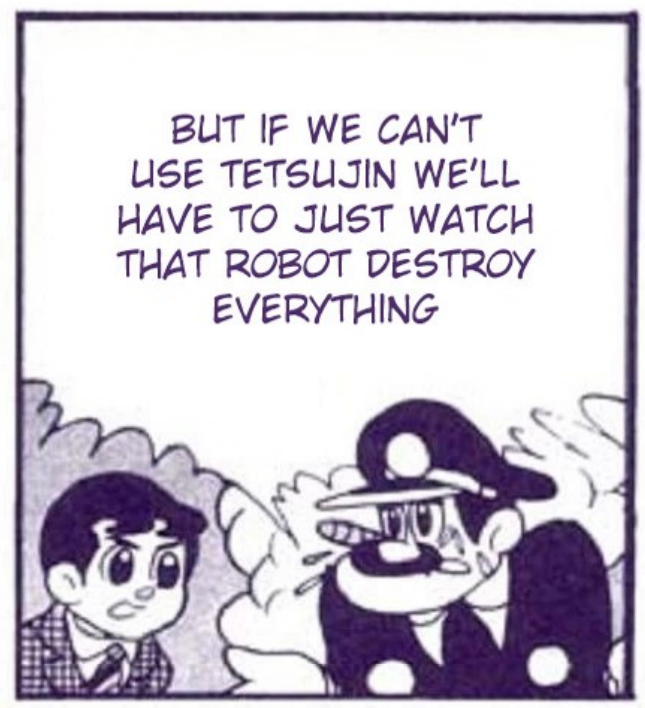

CAN'T WE DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT ROBOT?

OH MAN, THIS IS GETTING REALLY BAD...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON, BUT ANY TIME HE GETS CLOSE TO THAT ROBOT, TETSUJIN LOSES ALL CONTROL
BUT SHOTARO, WHY CAN'T WE GET TETSUJIN INTO THIS?

HUH?
NO, SIR. I CAN'T SEND TETSUJIN ANYWHERE NEAR IT!

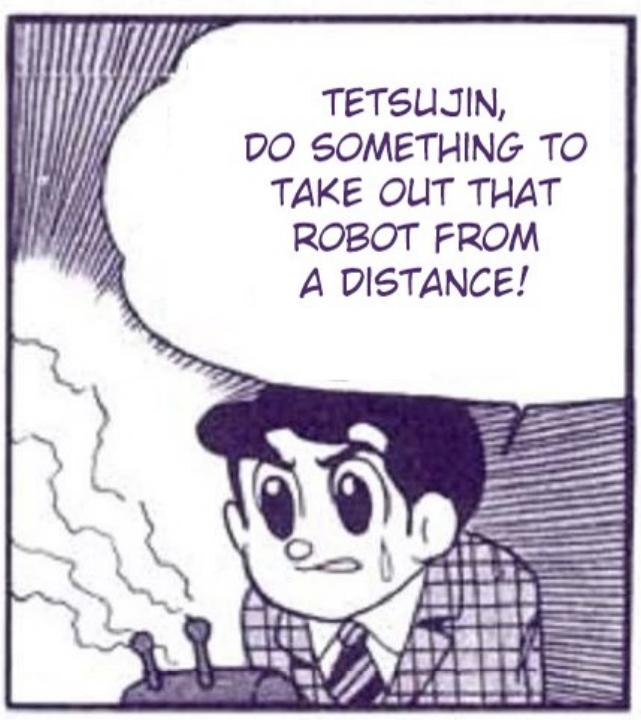
THAT'S TERRIBLE!

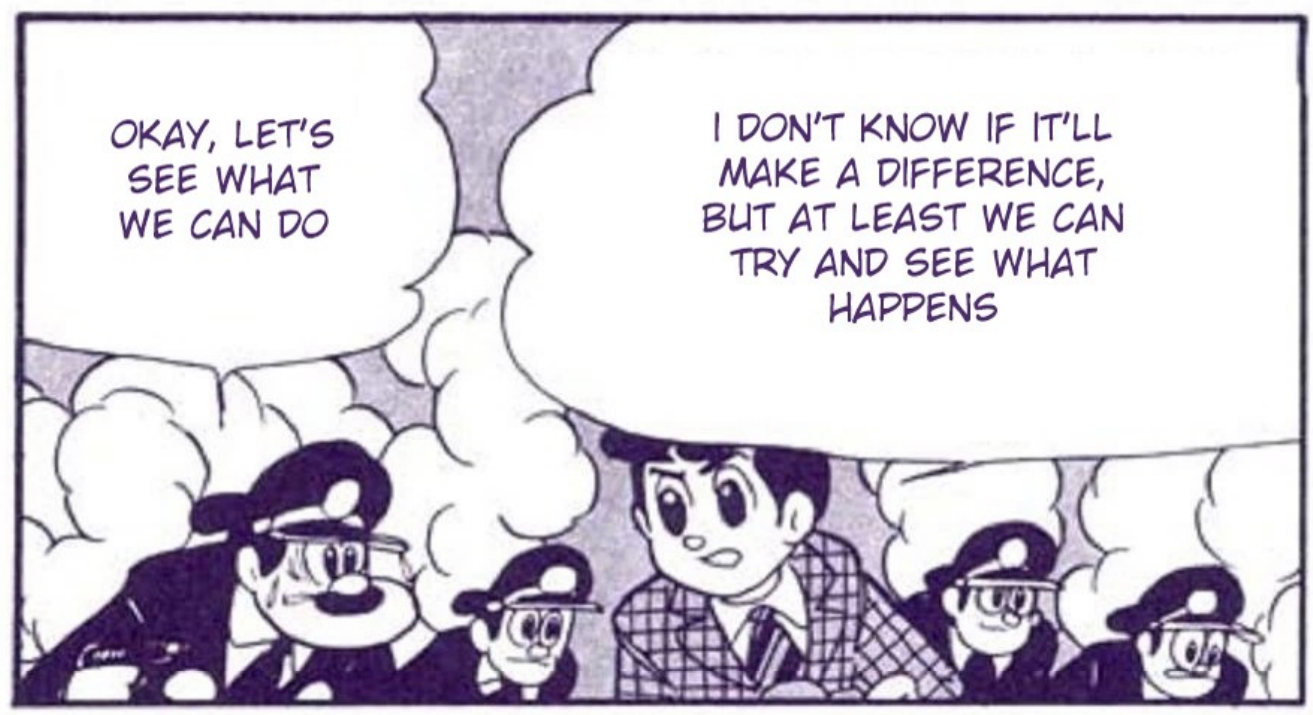

BUT IF WE CAN'T USE TETSUJIN WE'LL HAVE TO JUST WATCH THAT ROBOT DESTROY EVERYTHING

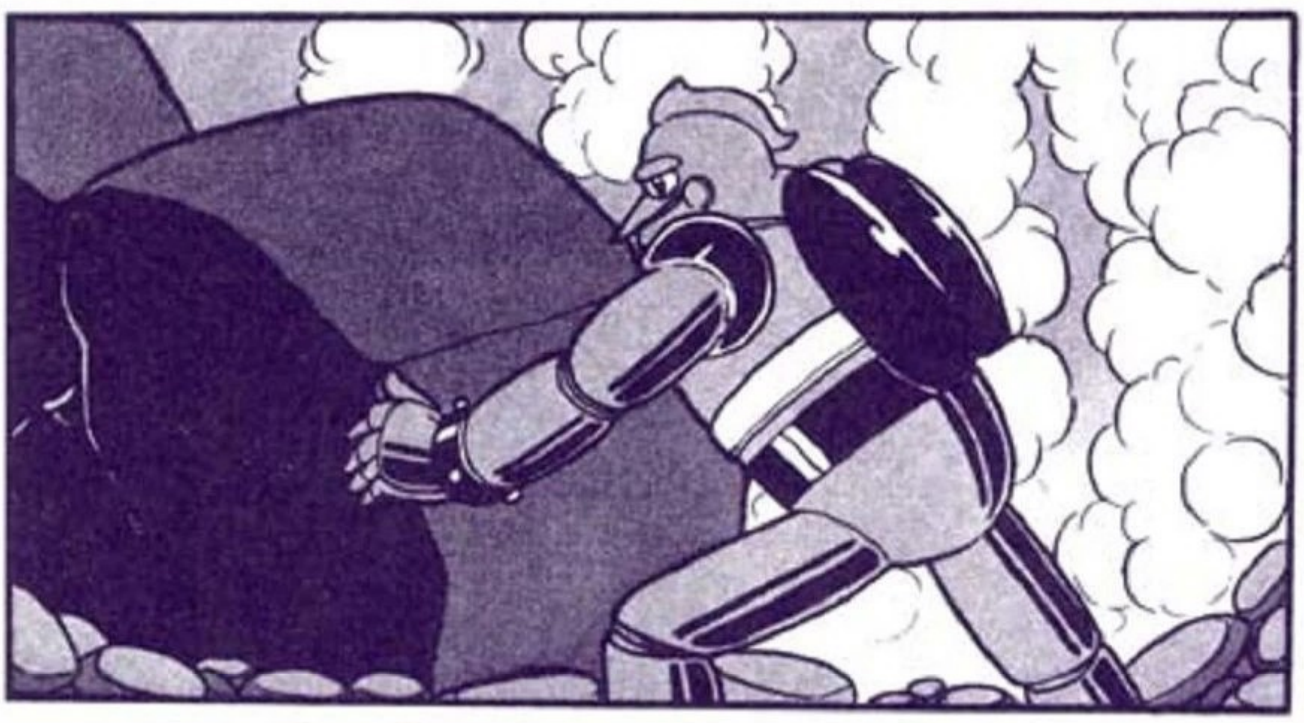
I WONDER IF IT HAS SOME SORT OF SPECIAL POWER

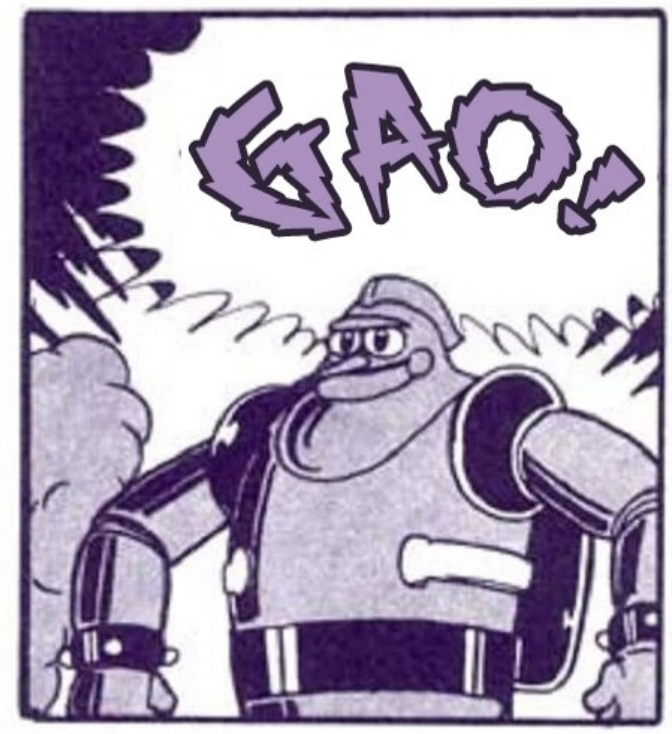
WE'LL ATTACK FROM THE AIR!

WITHOUT GETTING SO CLOSE?
MAYBE WE CAN FIGHT IT WITHOUT GETTING SO CLOSE


TETSUJIN, DO SOMETHING TO TAKE OUT THAT ROBOT FROM A DISTANCE!


OKAY, LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'LL MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BUT AT LEAST WE CAN TRY AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS

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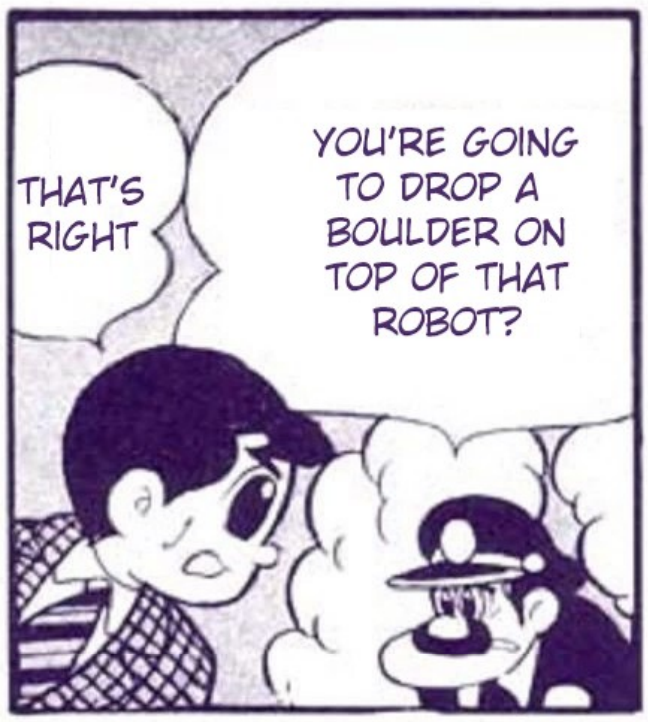
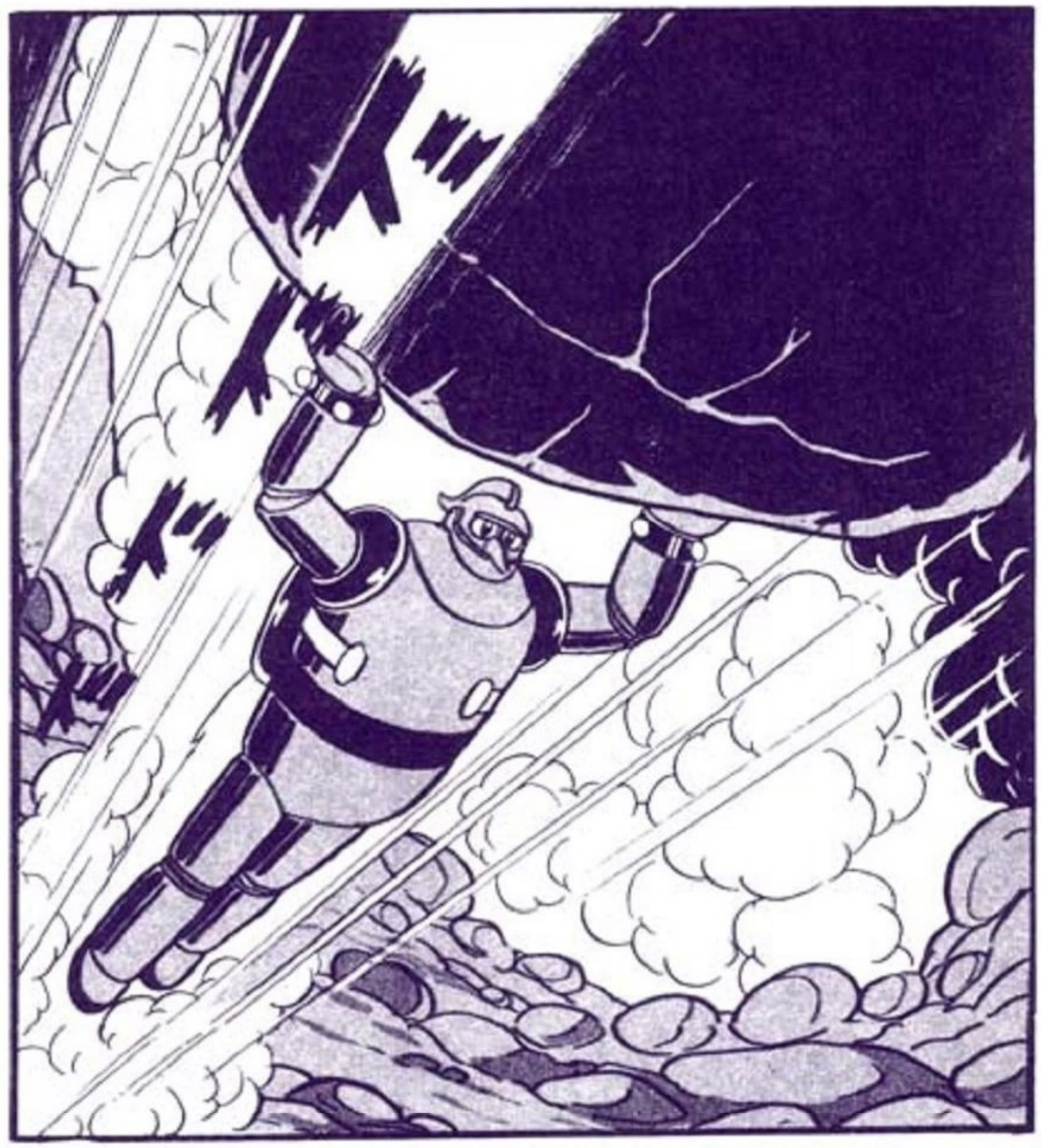
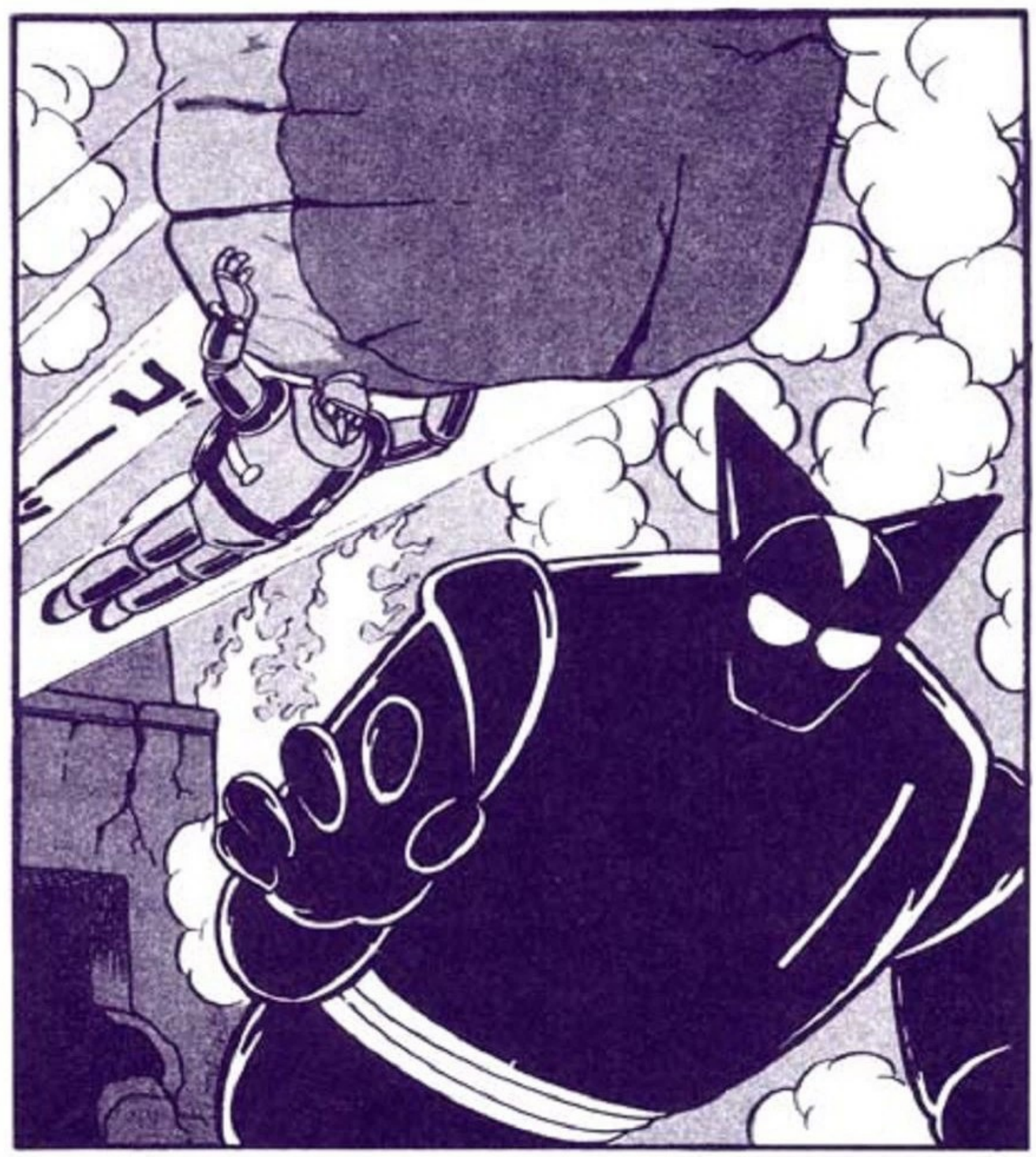
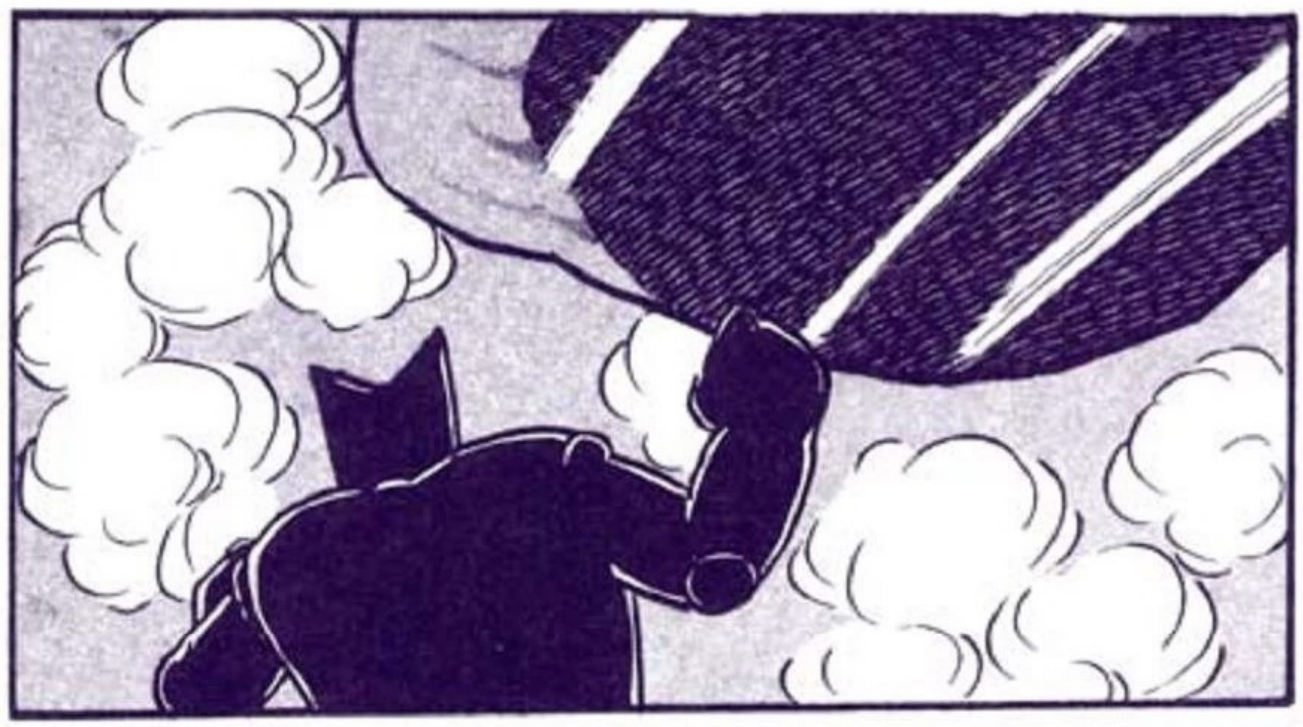
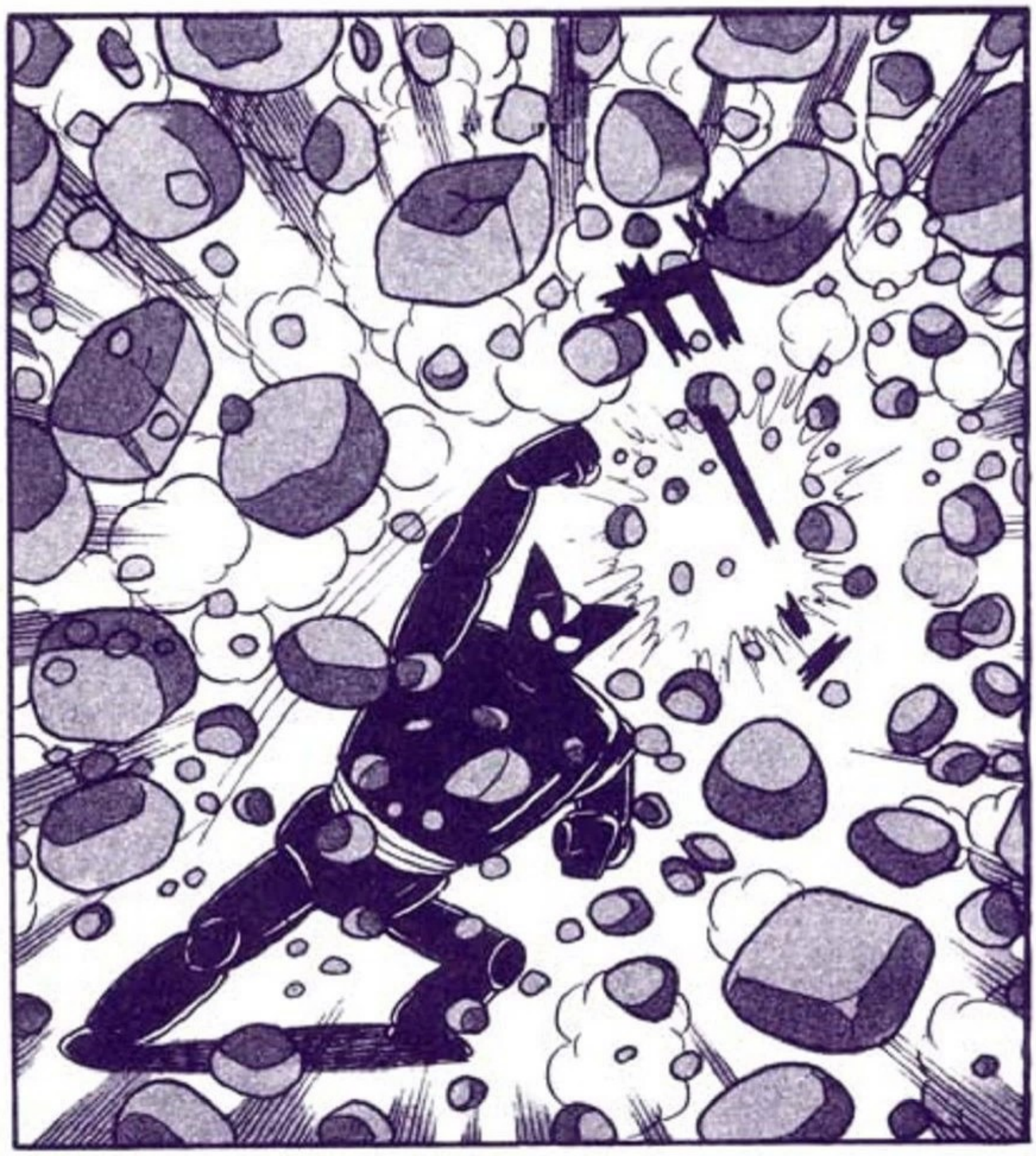

THAT'S RIGHT
YOU'RE GOING TO DROP A BOULDER ON TOP OF THAT ROBOT?

I HOPE WE CAN TAKE IT OUT WITH THAT





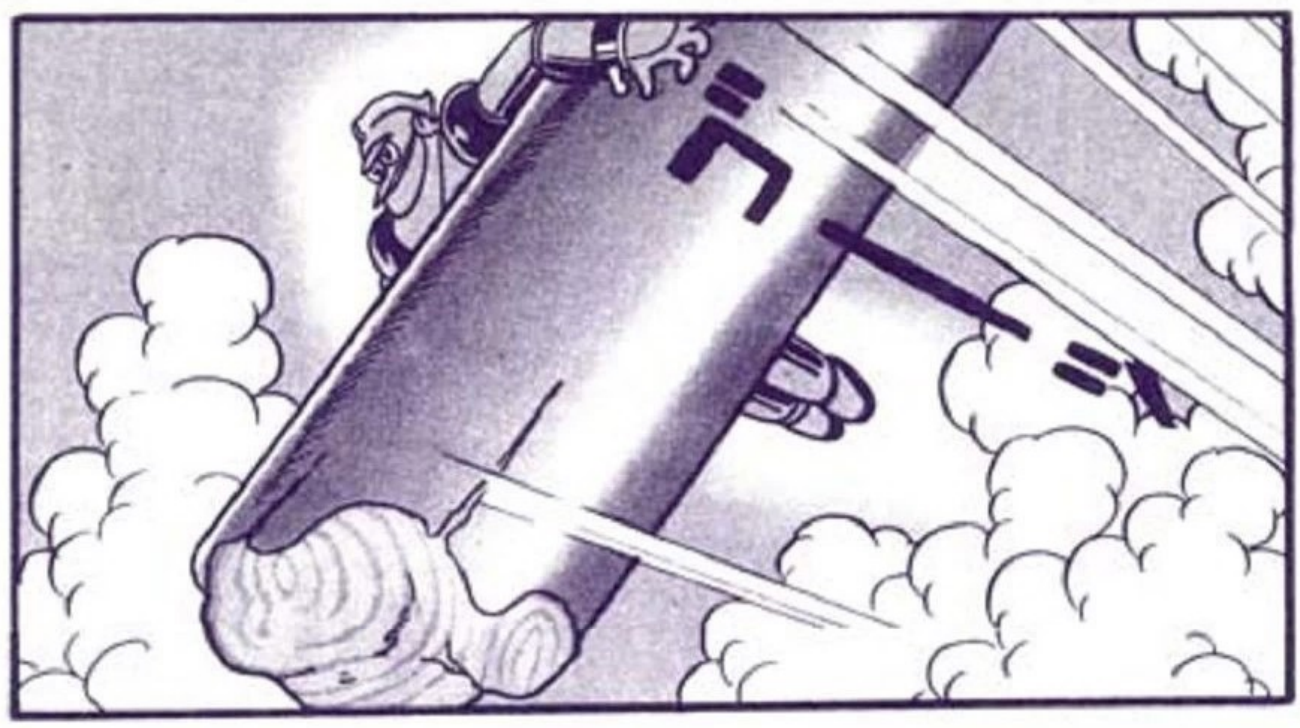




FINE! LET'S TRY AGAIN!

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

OH!!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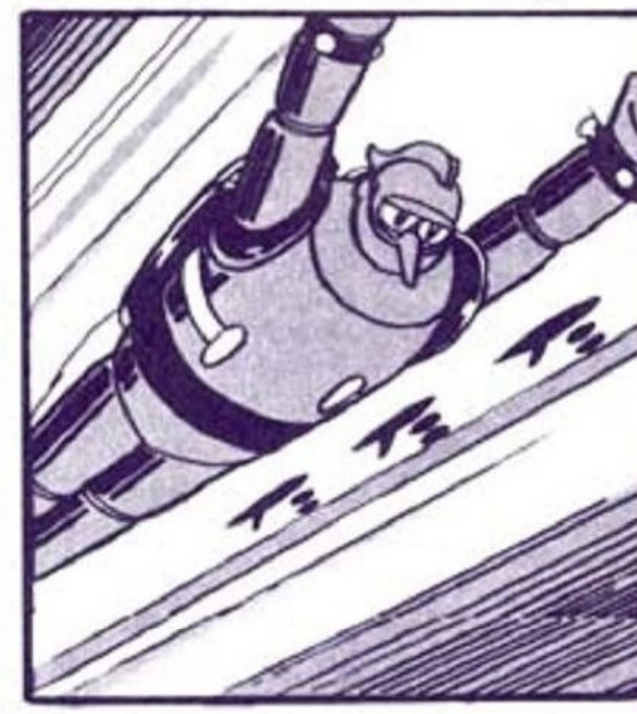

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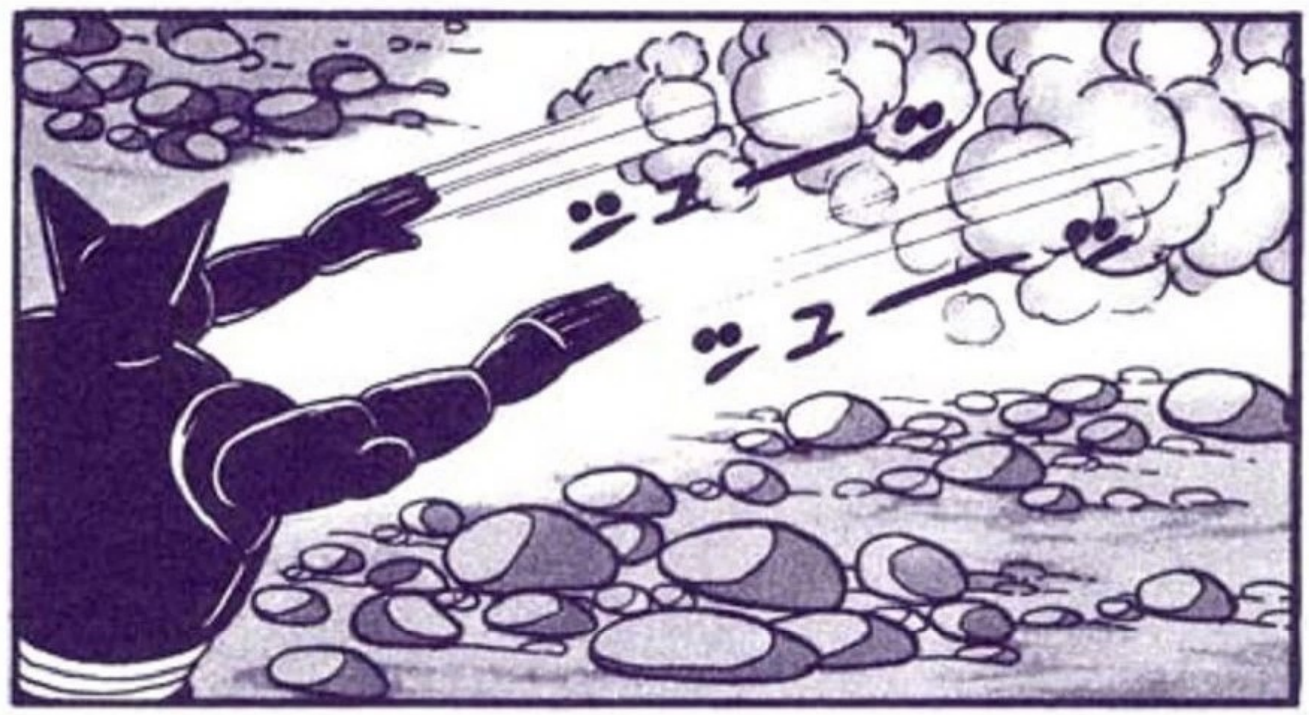
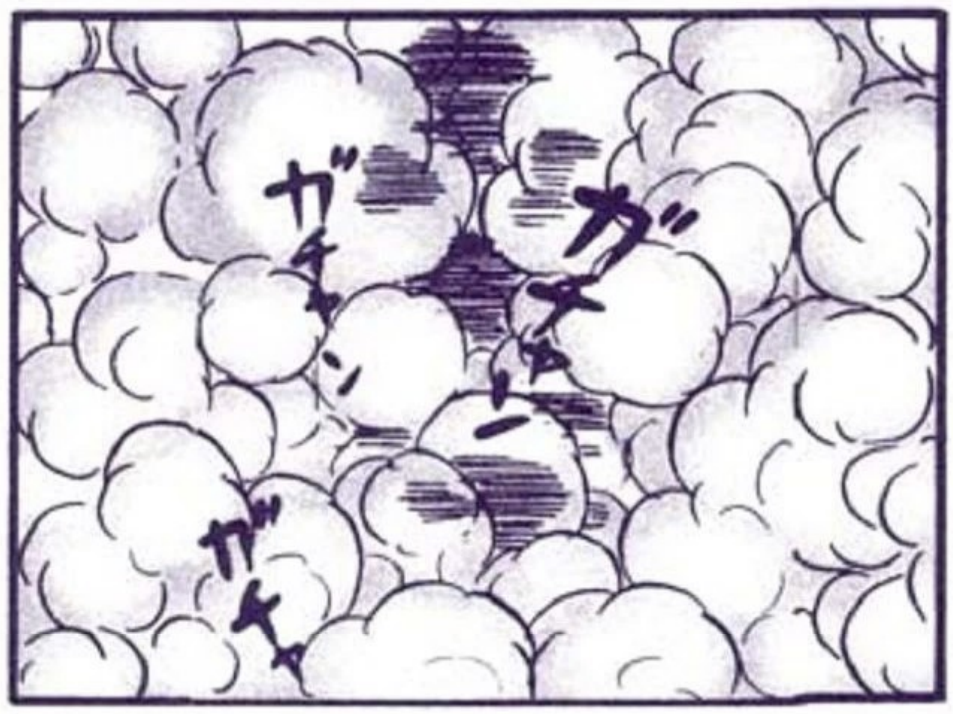
WHAT THE .....



COUGH COUGH COUGH
I-IT'S A G-GASSS

COUGH COUGH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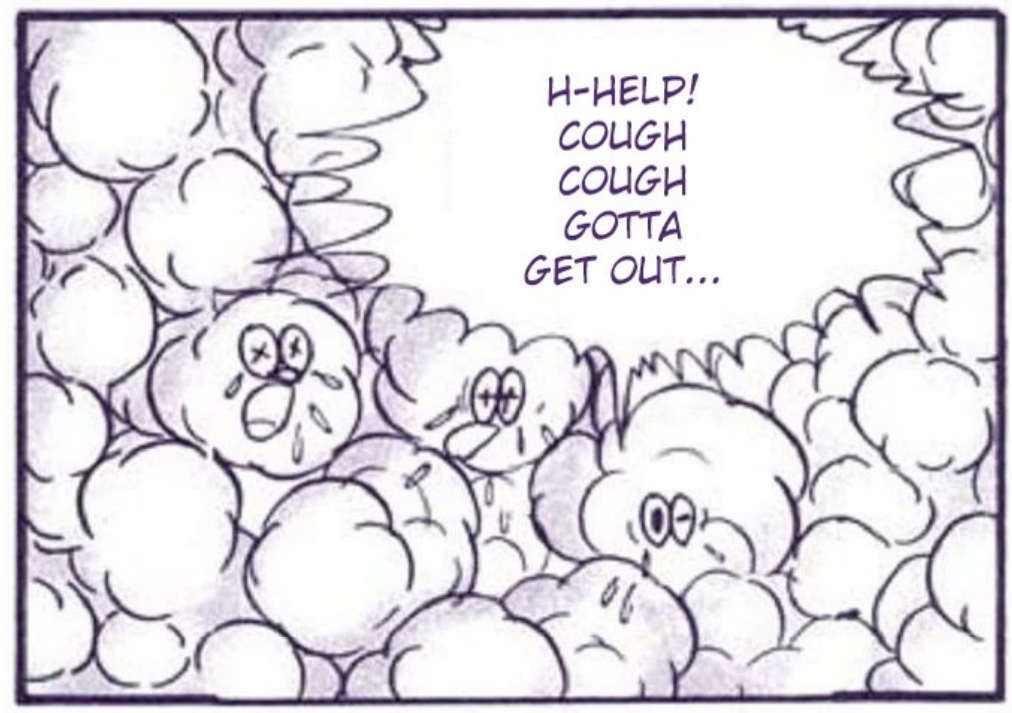
H-HELP! COUGH COUGH GOTTA GET OUT...

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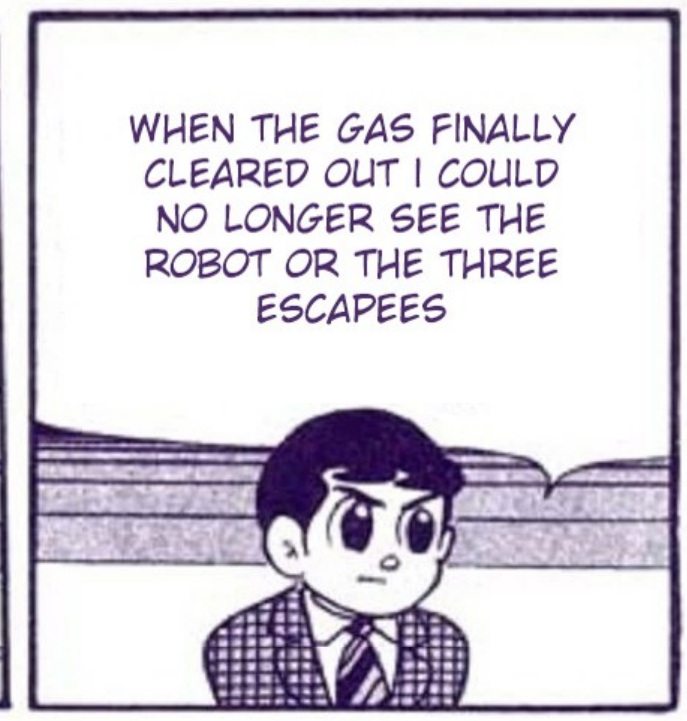
WHOA, THE ENEMY REALLY HAS A POWERFUL AND TERRIFYING ROBOT


WHEN THE GAS FINALLY CLEARED OUT I COULD NO LONGER SEE THE ROBOT OR THE THREE ESCAPEES

HMMM... SO IT STARTED TO SHOOT OUT SOME TYPE OF GAS AND THEN IT DISAPPEARED

YEAH, THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!
MAYBE WE SHOULD GO ASK DR. SHIKISHIMA

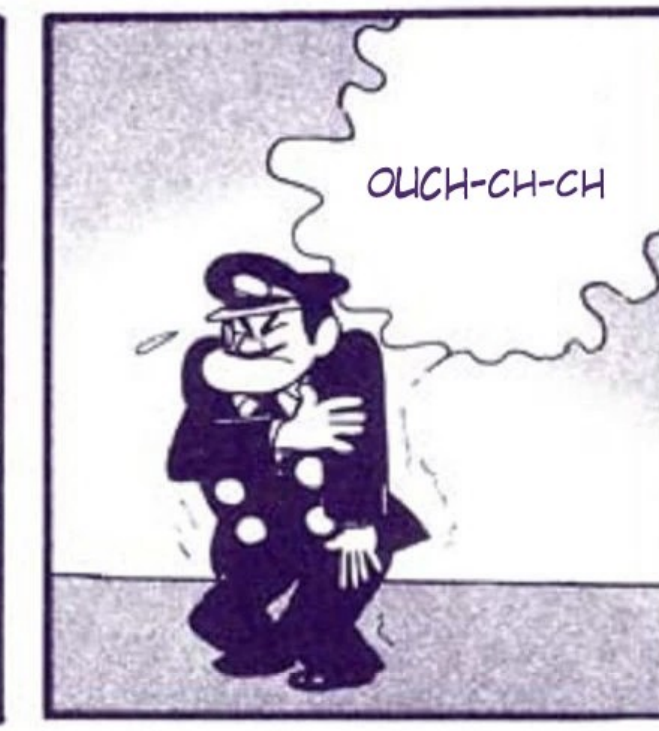
IT'S WEIRD THAT TETSUJIN LOSES CONTROL WHEN HE GETS CLOSE TO IT

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M DOING JUST GREAT!
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY, CHIEF?

EVEN WITH A WOUND LIKE THIS, HOW COULD I LAY AROUND AND SLEEP WHEN WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF SUCH A BIG DEAL?

WHY OF COURSE!
OH, ARE YOU COMING ALONG, CHIEF?

YOU'RE JUST AS STUBBORN AS EVER ....
WELL... I MIGHT BE EXAGGERATING JUST A LITTLE BIT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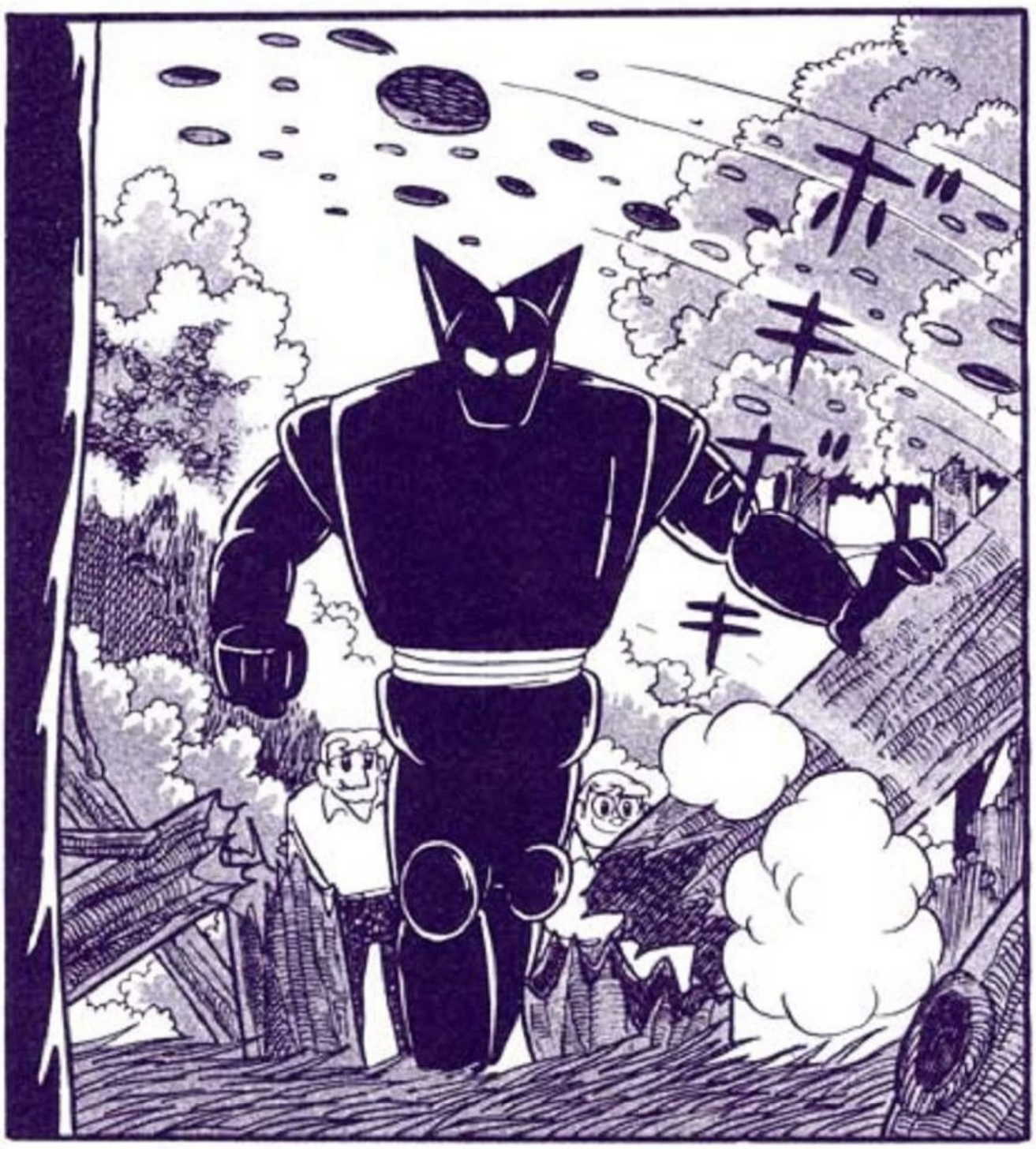
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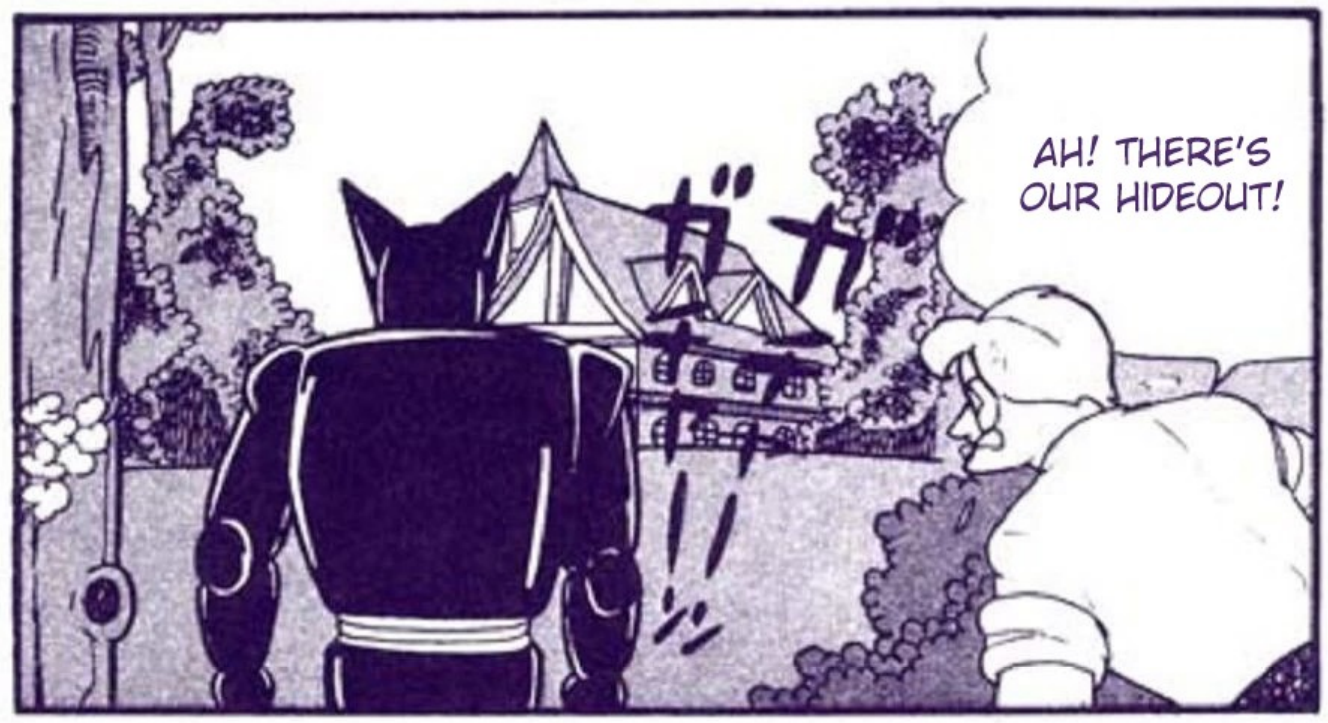
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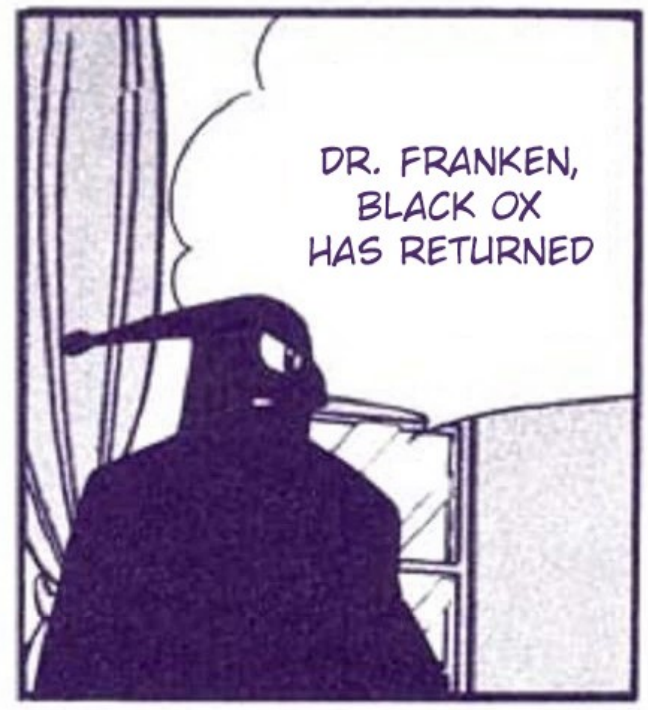
AH! THERE'S OUR HIDEOUT!

AH, AND HE'S RETRIEVED YOUR THREE MEN

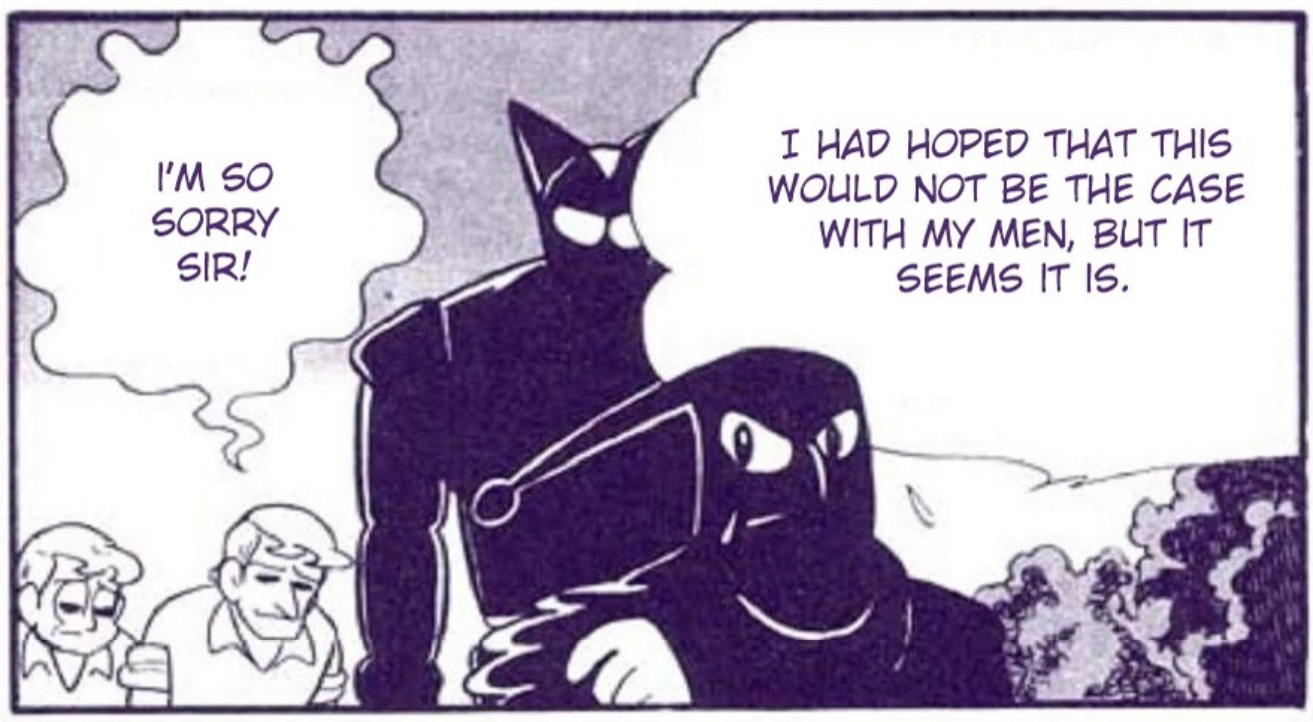

DR. FRANKEN, BLACK OX HAS RETURNED

OH! EXCELLENCY!

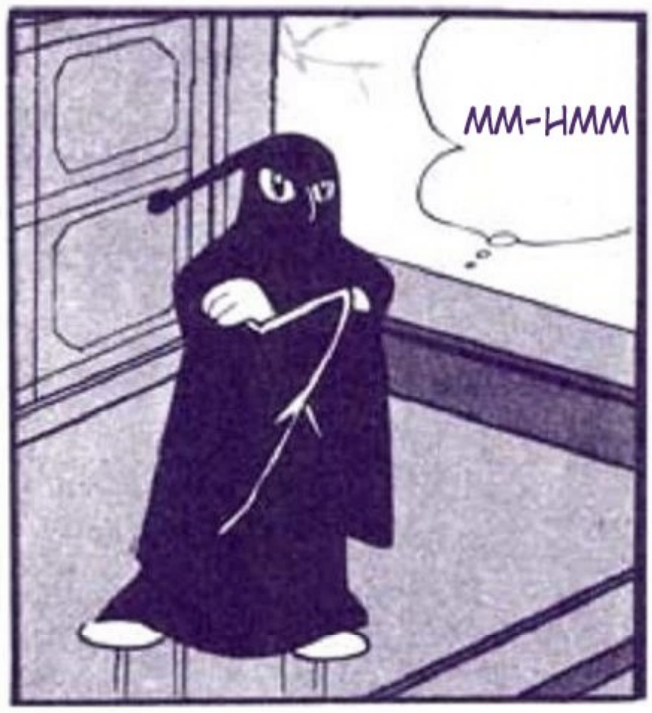
HAHAHA
HEH HEH HEH APPARENTLY HE HAD A FIGHT WHICH DIDN'T GO WELL FOR TETSUJIN

SO FAR, ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE TETSUJIN CASE HAVE BEEN DEFEATED BY SHOTARO

THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE TOO STUPID TO ASK FOR HELP!
I'M SO SORRY WE FAILED YOU

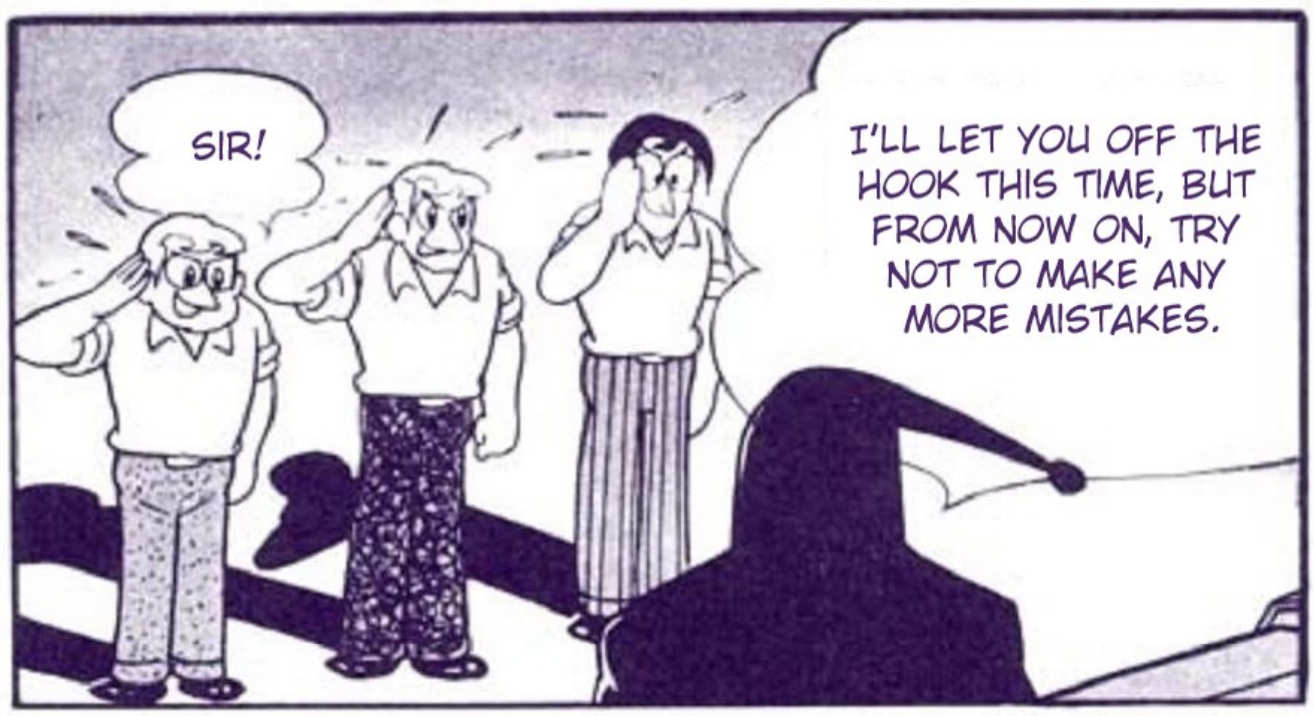

I'M SO SORRY SIR!
I HAD HOPED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE THE CASE WITH MY MEN, BUT IT SEEMS IT IS.

IT'S BECAUSE THEY ALL THINK OF SHOTARO AS A CHILD AND TRY TO BULLY HIM.


MM-HMM

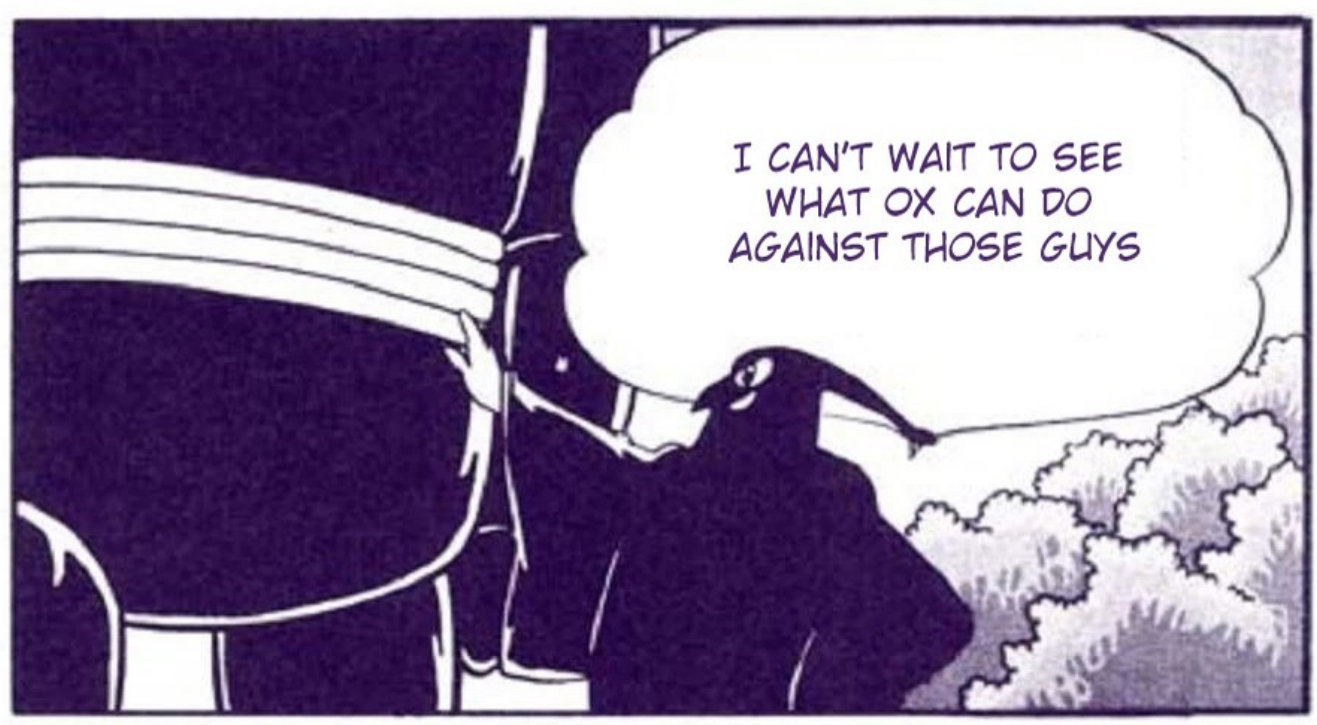
I'LL MAKE SURE I GET HIM NEXT TIME

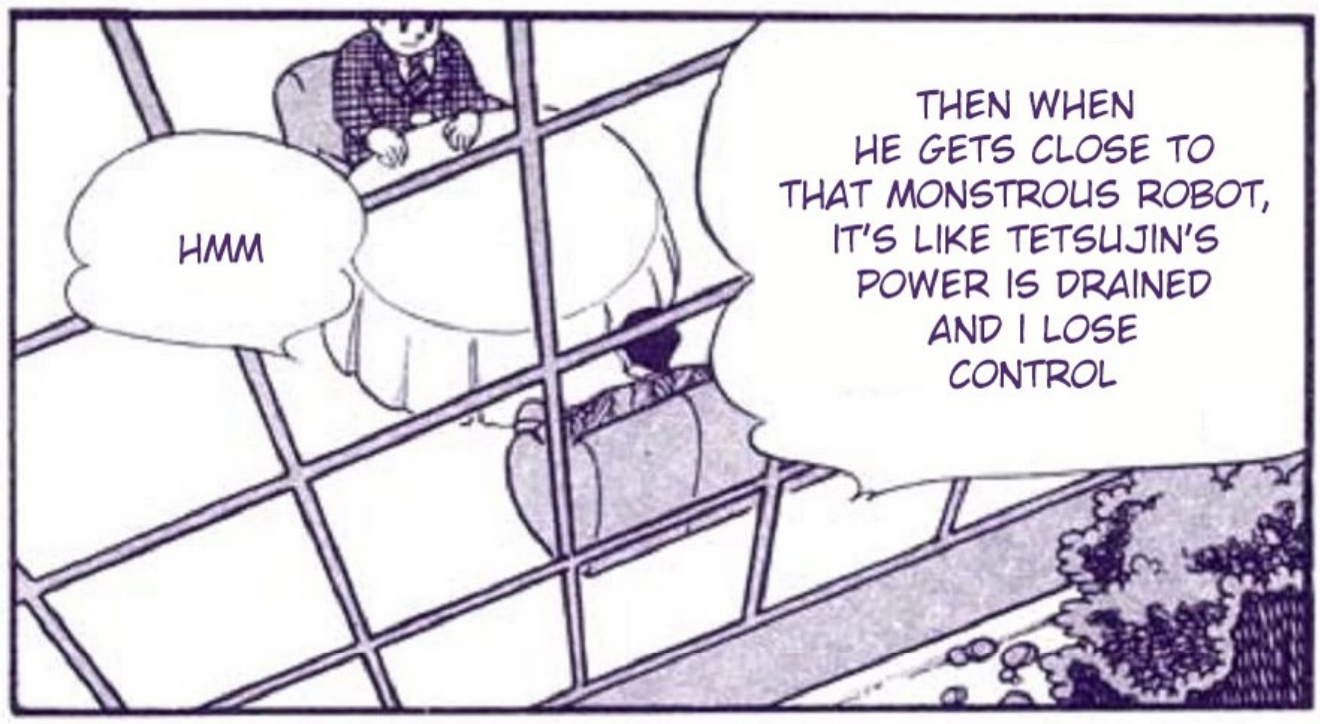
PLEASE LET US TRY AGAIN!


SIR!
I'LL LET YOU OFF THE HOOK THIS TIME, BUT FROM NOW ON, TRY NOT TO MAKE ANY MORE MISTAKES.

WELL, NOW THAT WE HAVE BLACK OX, THERE'S NO NEED TO PANIC

AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE, WE WON'T HAVE TO BE SCARED OF TETSUJIN OR SHOTARO


I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT OX CAN DO AGAINST THOSE GUYS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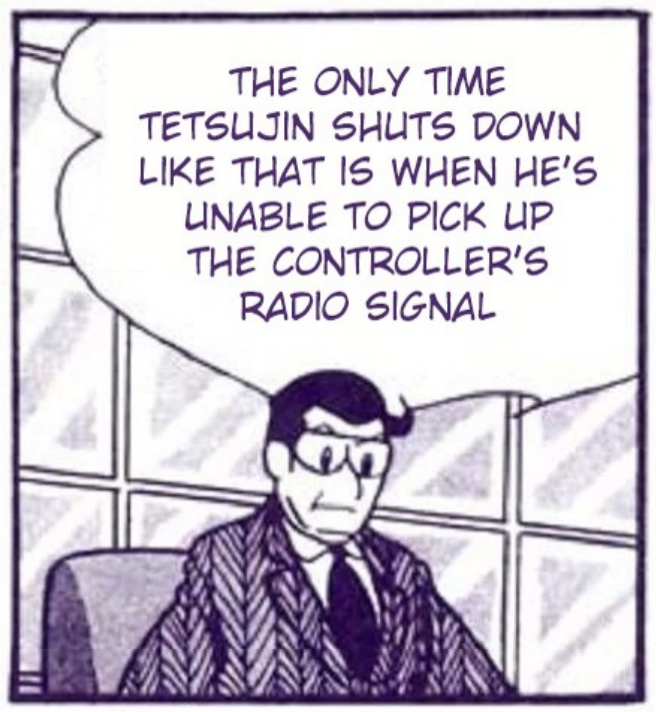
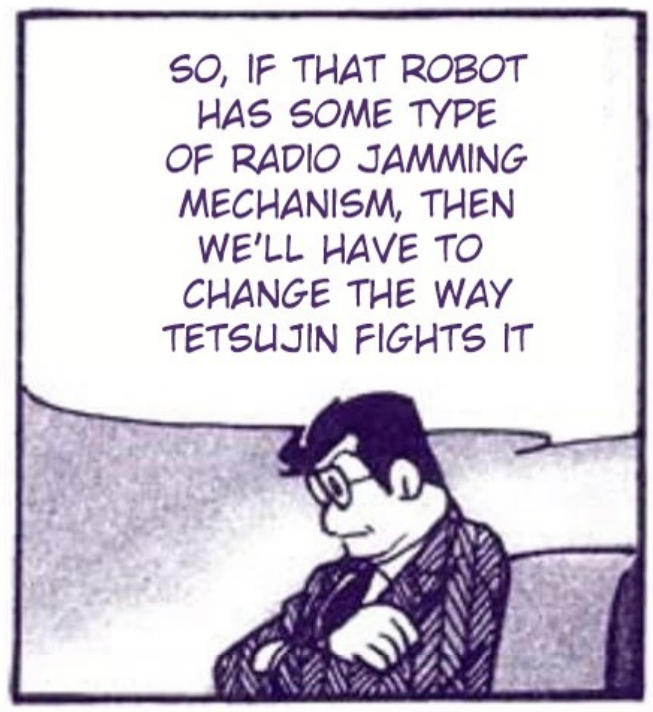
THEN WHEN HE GETS CLOSE TO THAT MONSTROUS ROBOT, IT'S LIKE TETSUJIN'S POWER IS DRAINED AND I LOSE CONTROL

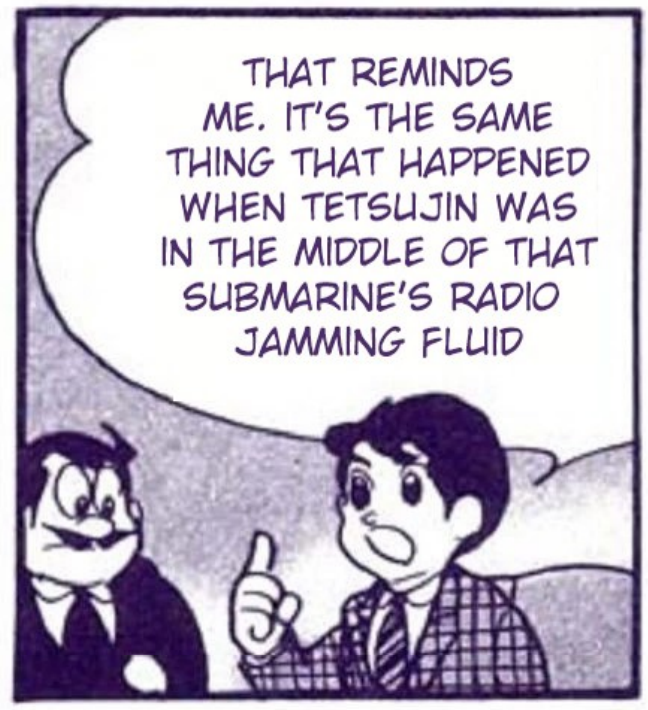

THE ONLY TIME TETSUJIN SHUTS DOWN LIKE THAT IS WHEN HE'S UNABLE TO PICK UP THE CONTROLLER'S RADIO SIGNAL

THERE MUST BE A REASON ..... I WONDER .....

OKAY

THAT'S RIGHT


SO, IF THAT ROBOT HAS SOME TYPE OF RADIO JAMMING MECHANISM, THEN WE'LL HAVE TO CHANGE THE WAY TETSUJIN FIGHTS IT

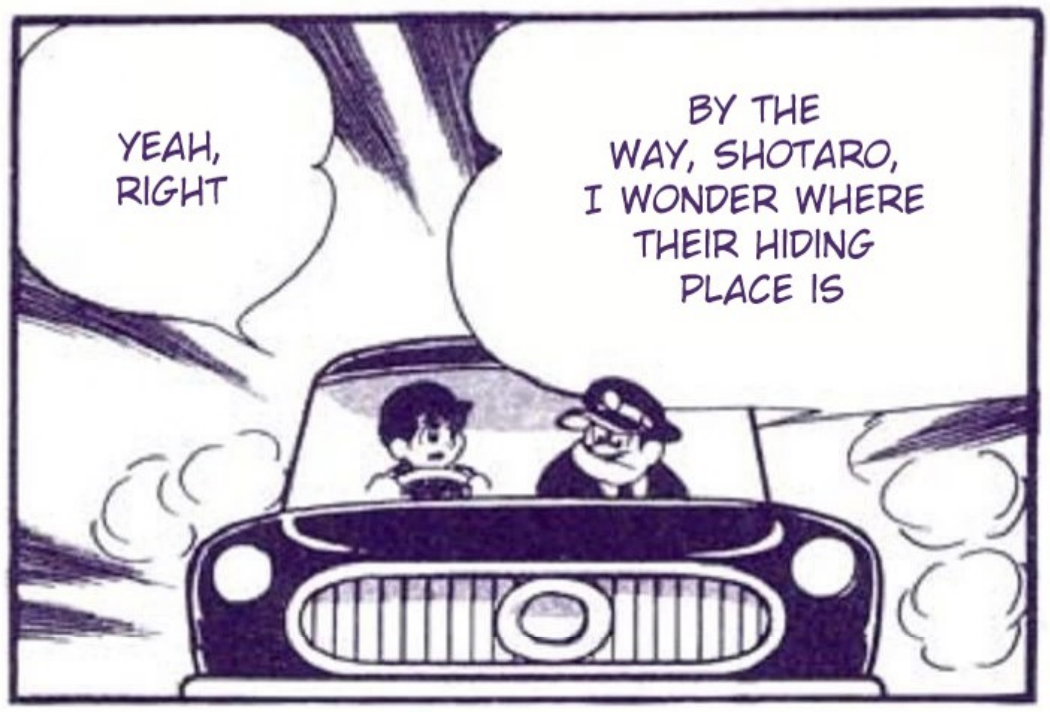

THAT REMINDS ME. IT'S THE SAME THING THAT HAPPENED WHEN TETSUJIN WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT SUBMARINE'S RADIO JAMMING FLUID

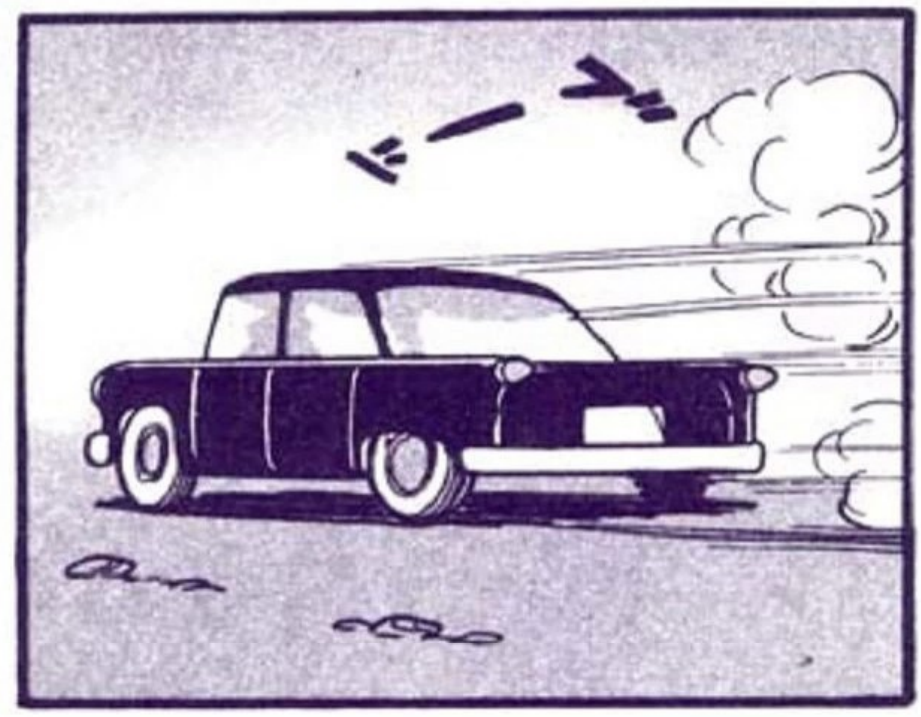
ANYWAY, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE COMPLACENT.

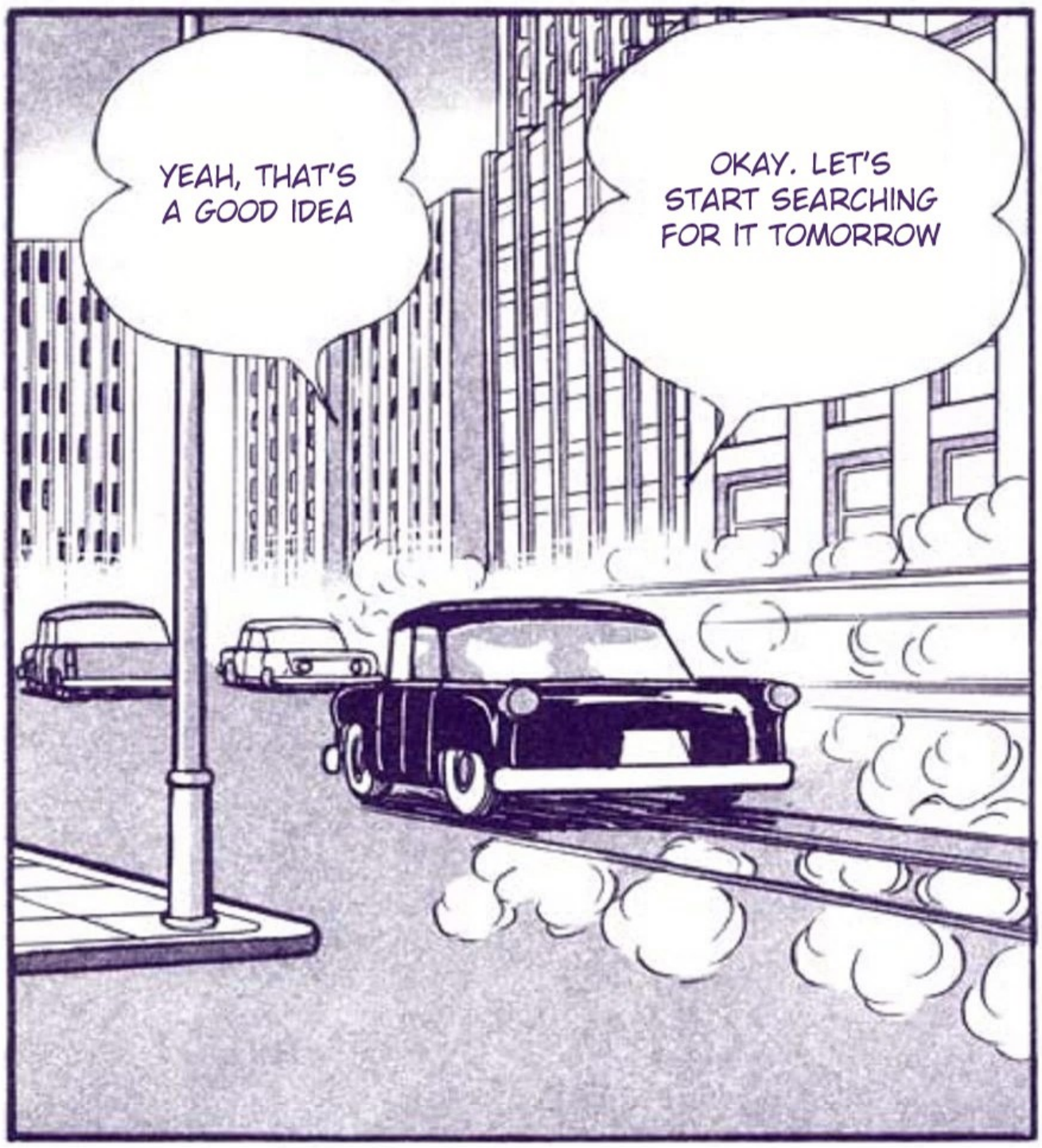
NOT ONLY DID THEY TRY TO KILL SHOTARO AND ME, BUT THEY ALSO BLEW UP THE "IWAKAZE" AND "HIKARI", AND THEY EVEN HAVE A ROBOT NOW, SO THEY MUST BE UP TO SOMETHING VERY SERIOUS

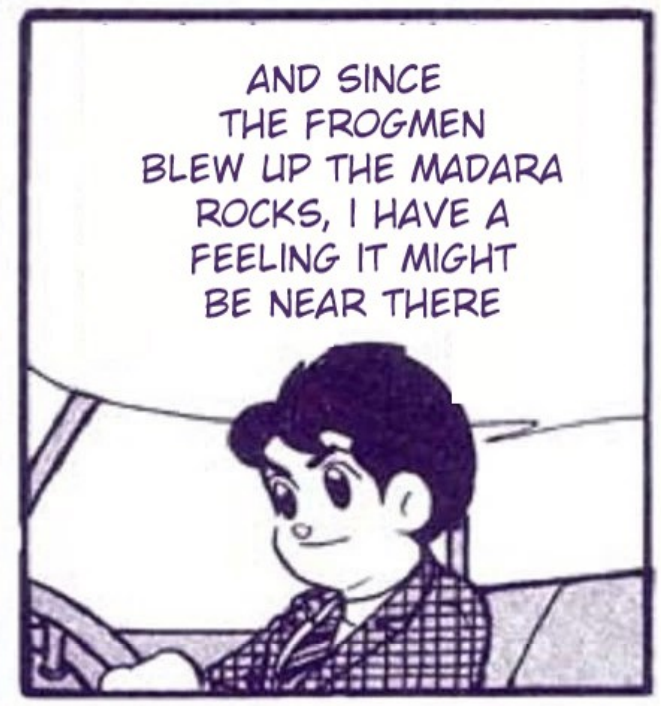
WE ALSO NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT THOSE MEN ARE UP TO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

DR. SHIKISHIMA, WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU
I'LL FIGURE OUT A WAY TO STOP THAT ROBOT


YEAH, RIGHT
BY THE WAY, SHOTARO, I WONDER WHERE THEIR HIDING PLACE IS




YEAH, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA
OKAY. LET'S START SEARCHING FOR IT TOMORROW


AND SINCE THE FROGMEN BLEW UP THE MADARA ROCKS, I HAVE A FEELING IT MIGHT BE NEAR THERE

HMM MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT

YEAH!
SHOTARO, LOOKS LIKE WE'RE READY TO GO FISHING!

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OKAY, LET'S START FISHING!

HEY CHIEF, WE'RE ALMOST AT MARARA ROCKS

HA HA HA
AN WE'VE GOT BACK-UP FISHERMEN ON BOARD TOO!

LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE HERE FOR THE FISH

THAT BOAT IS GETTING CLOSER

OK
IT'S TIME TO TAKE OUT THE SEARCH EQUIPMENT. LET'S GET OUR DUMMIES OUT AND REPLACE EACH OF US ONE AT A TIME

MOST OF THE BIG ROCKS ARE GONE FROM THE LAST EXPLOSION

AYE, SIR
WELL WE CAN'T LET THEM LEAVE HERE. THEY MIGHT BE SPIES FOR THE POLICE

SHOTARO'S NEXT...
OKAY CHIEF, I'M GOING IN

I'M FIRST
PRETEND WE'RE LOOKING FOR STUFF ON THE BOAT DECK AS WE SWITCH TO THE DUMMIES

GOOD LUCK DOWN THERE!

BYE CHIEF, I'M OFF!

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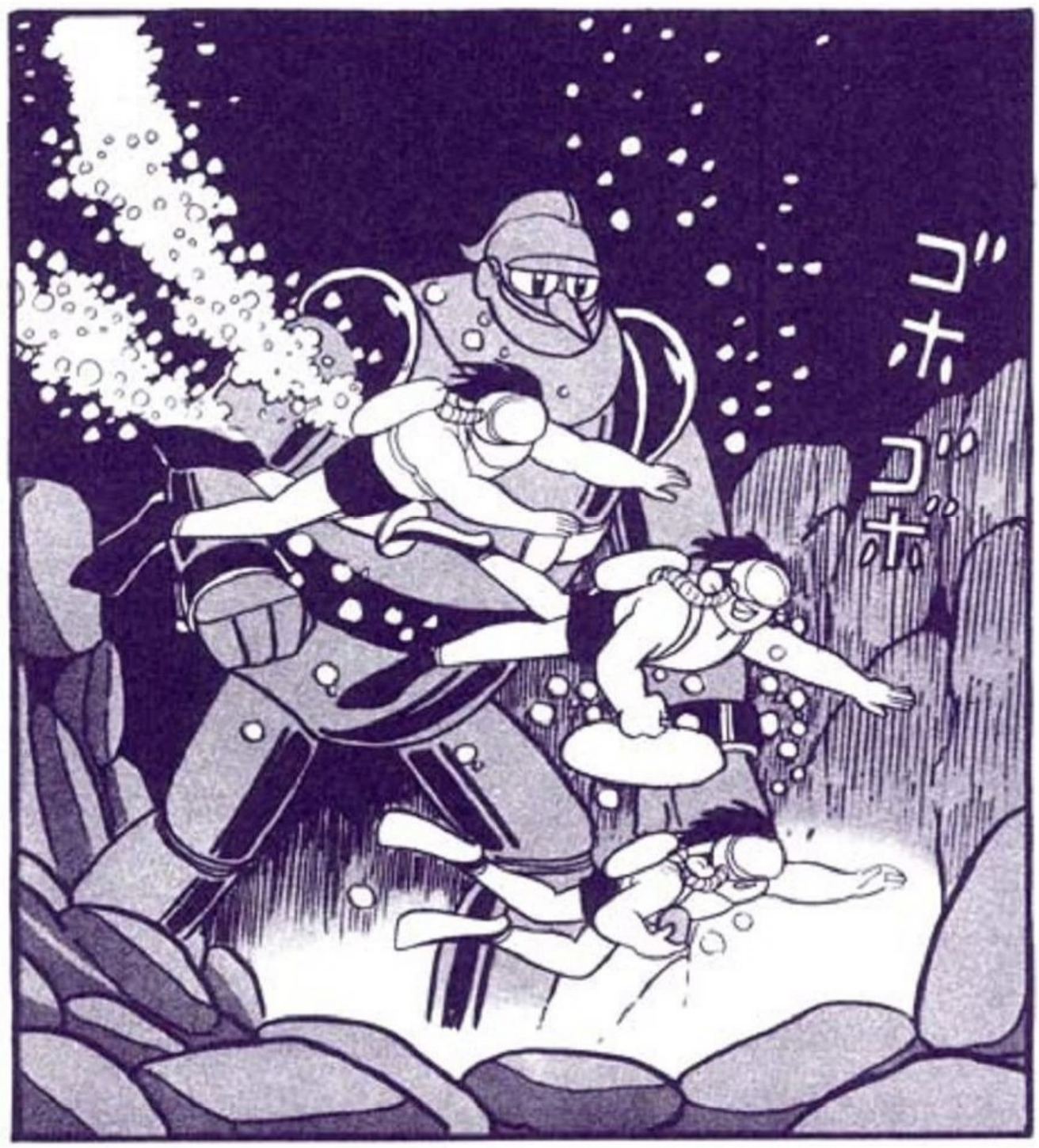
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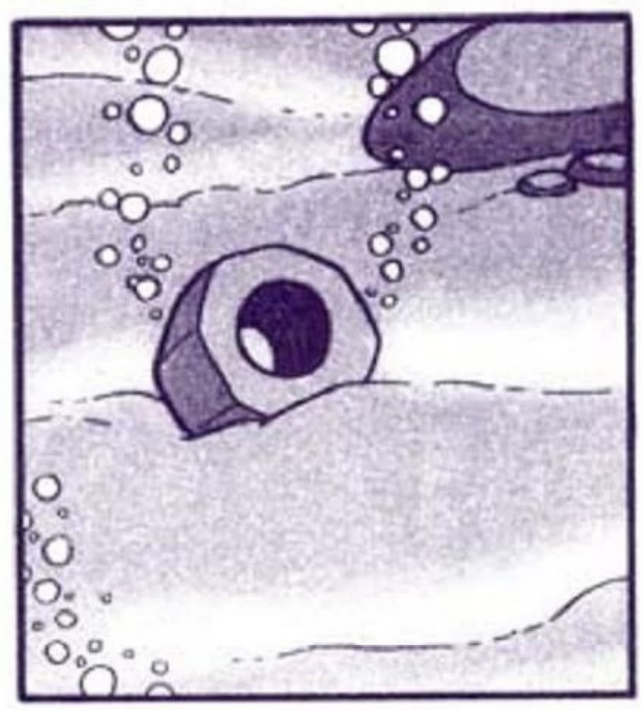
THEY ARE JUST QUIETLY FISHING
WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

IT'S A NUT



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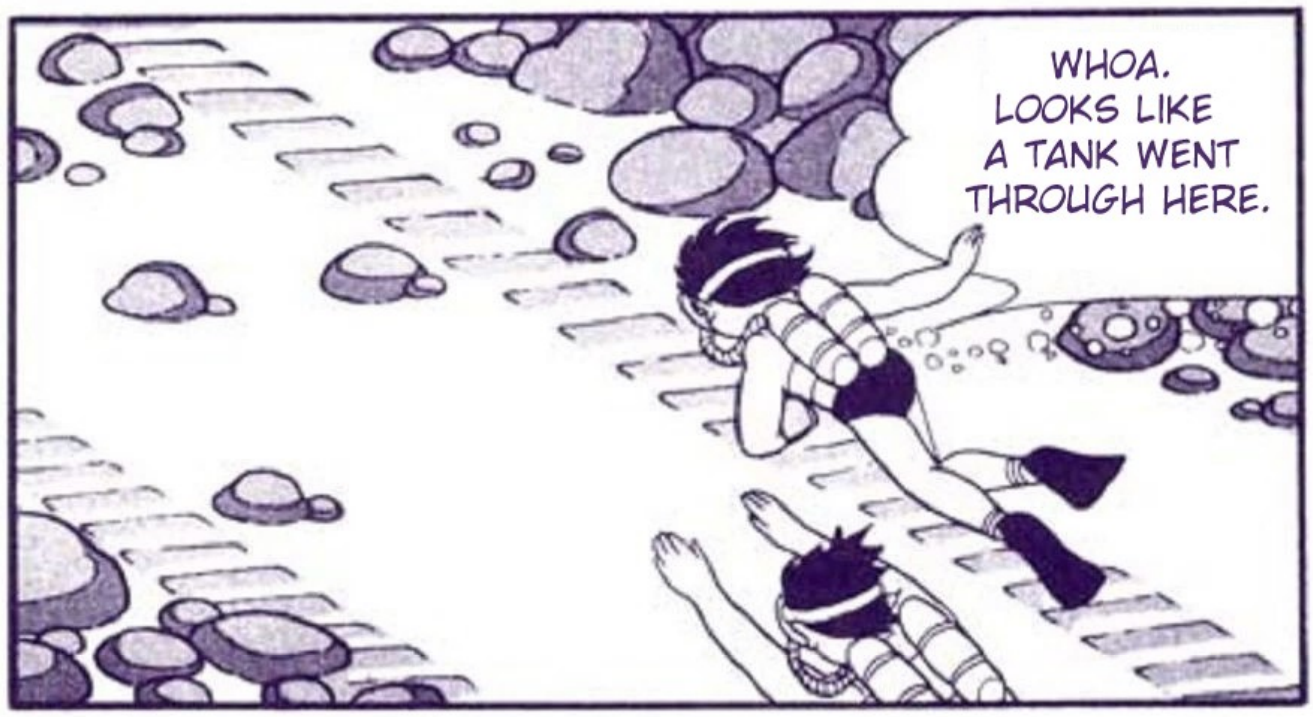
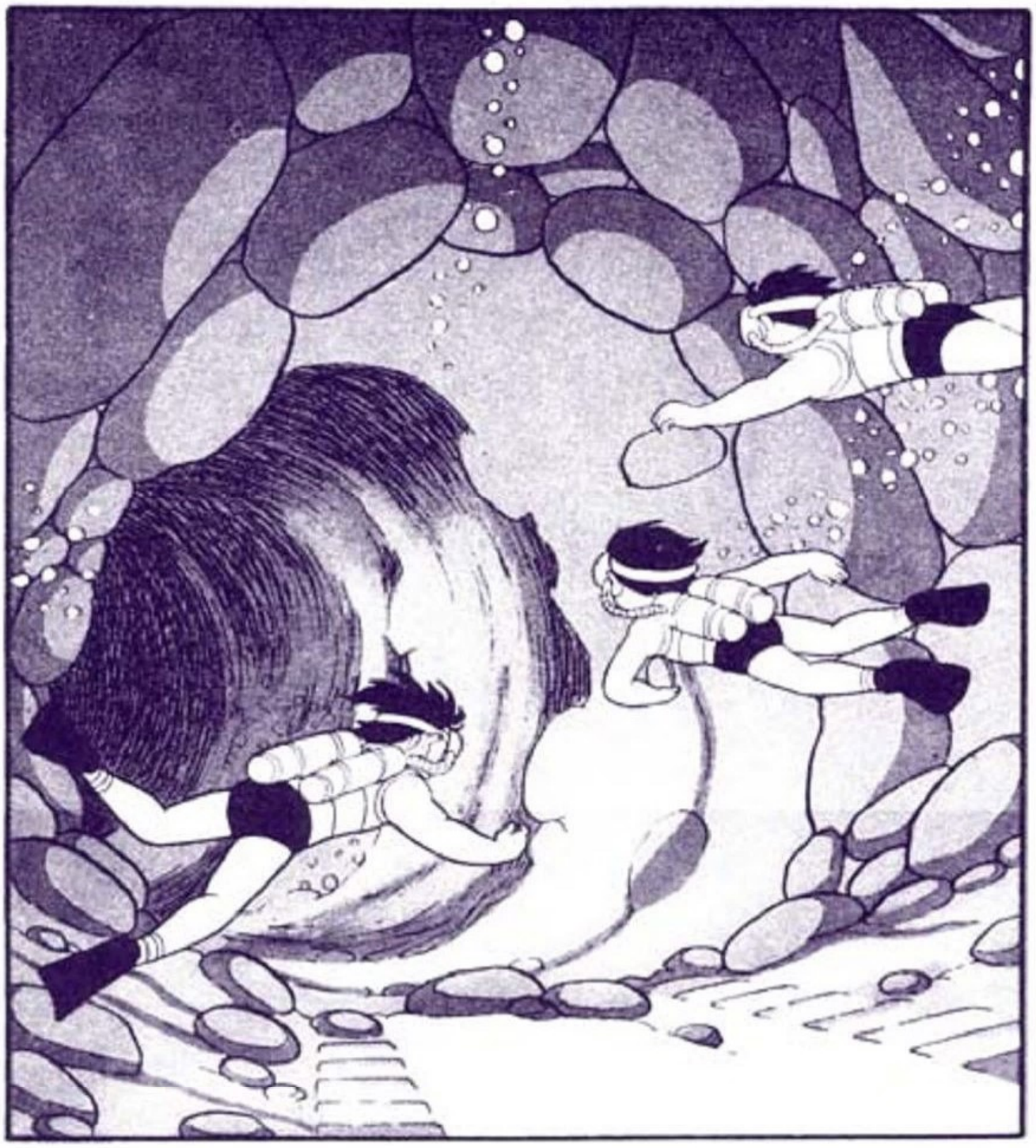
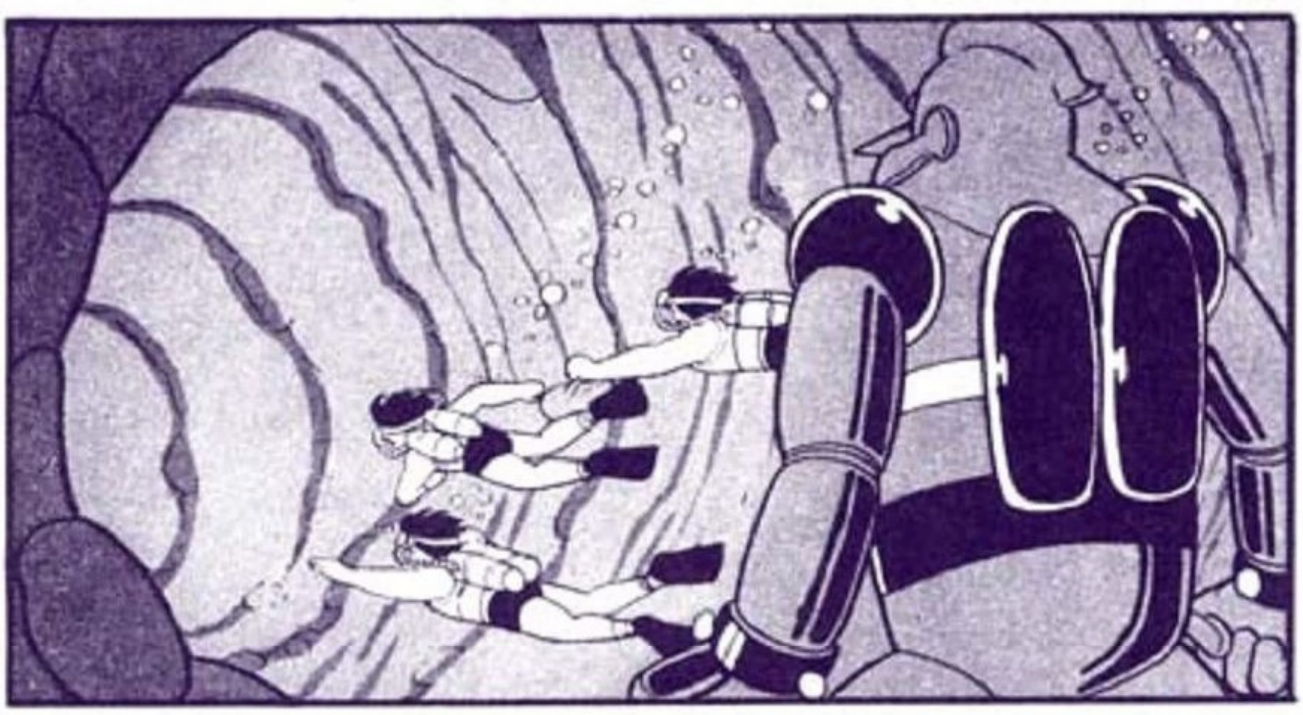

WHOA. LOOKS LIKE A TANK WENT THROUGH HERE.

SHOTARO, LOOK OVER THERE



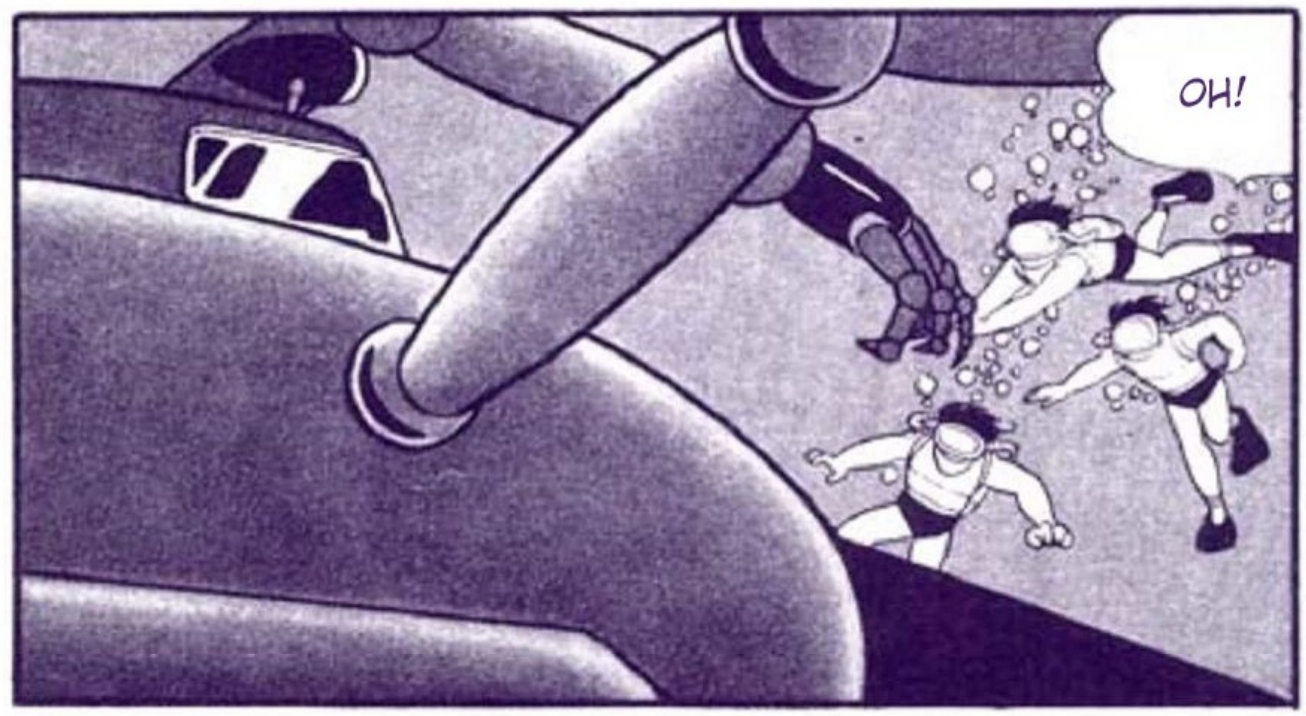
IT WENT THIS WAY

OH!



OKAY, LET'S GO IN
SHOTARO, IT GOES INTO THAT CAVE

WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO HOSTILE TERRITORY.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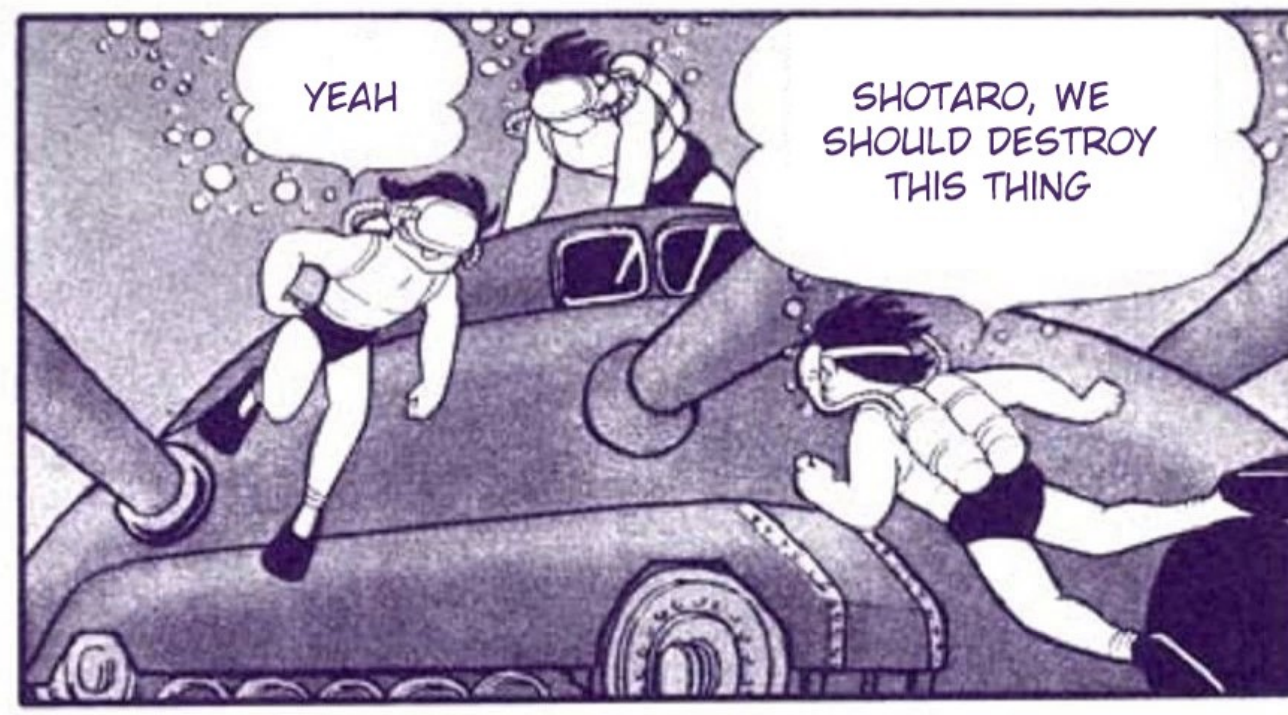
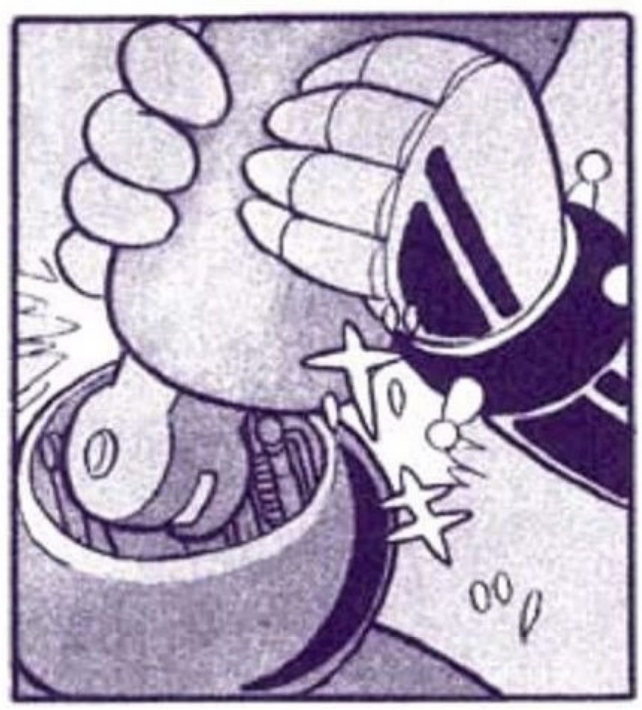
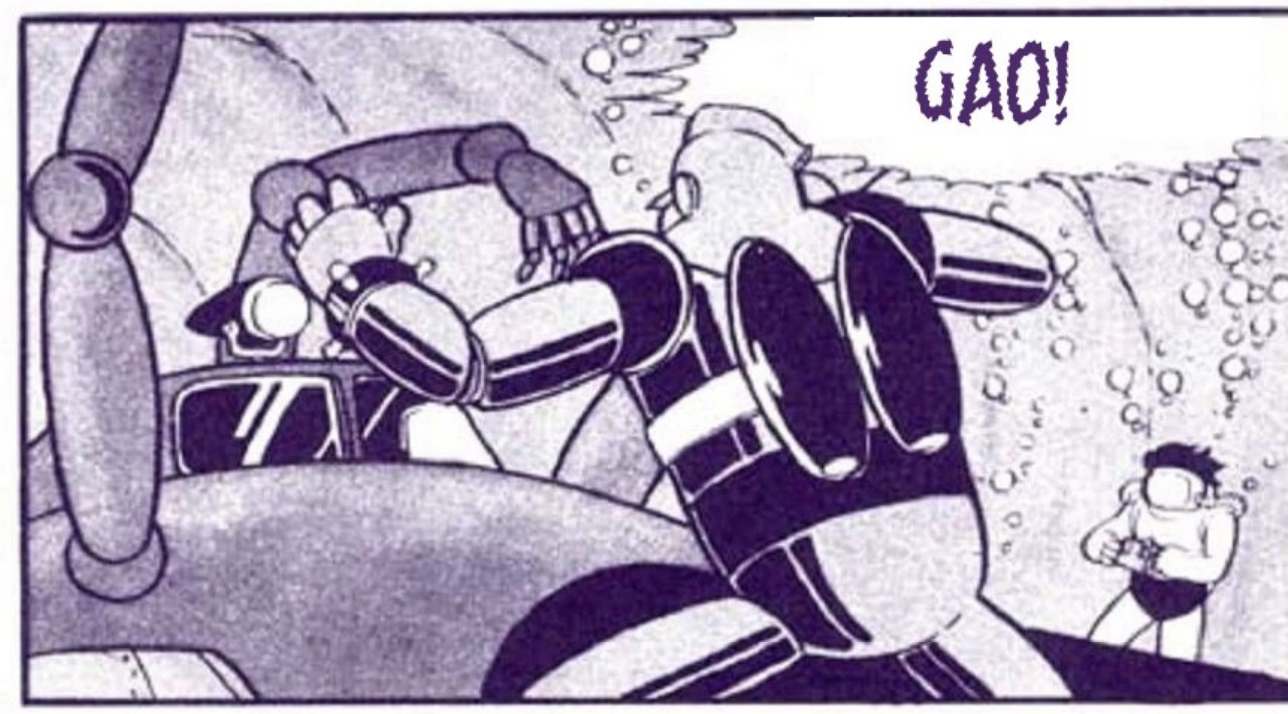

YEAH
SHOTARO, WE SHOULD DESTROY THIS THING




GAO!

THERE WE GO!
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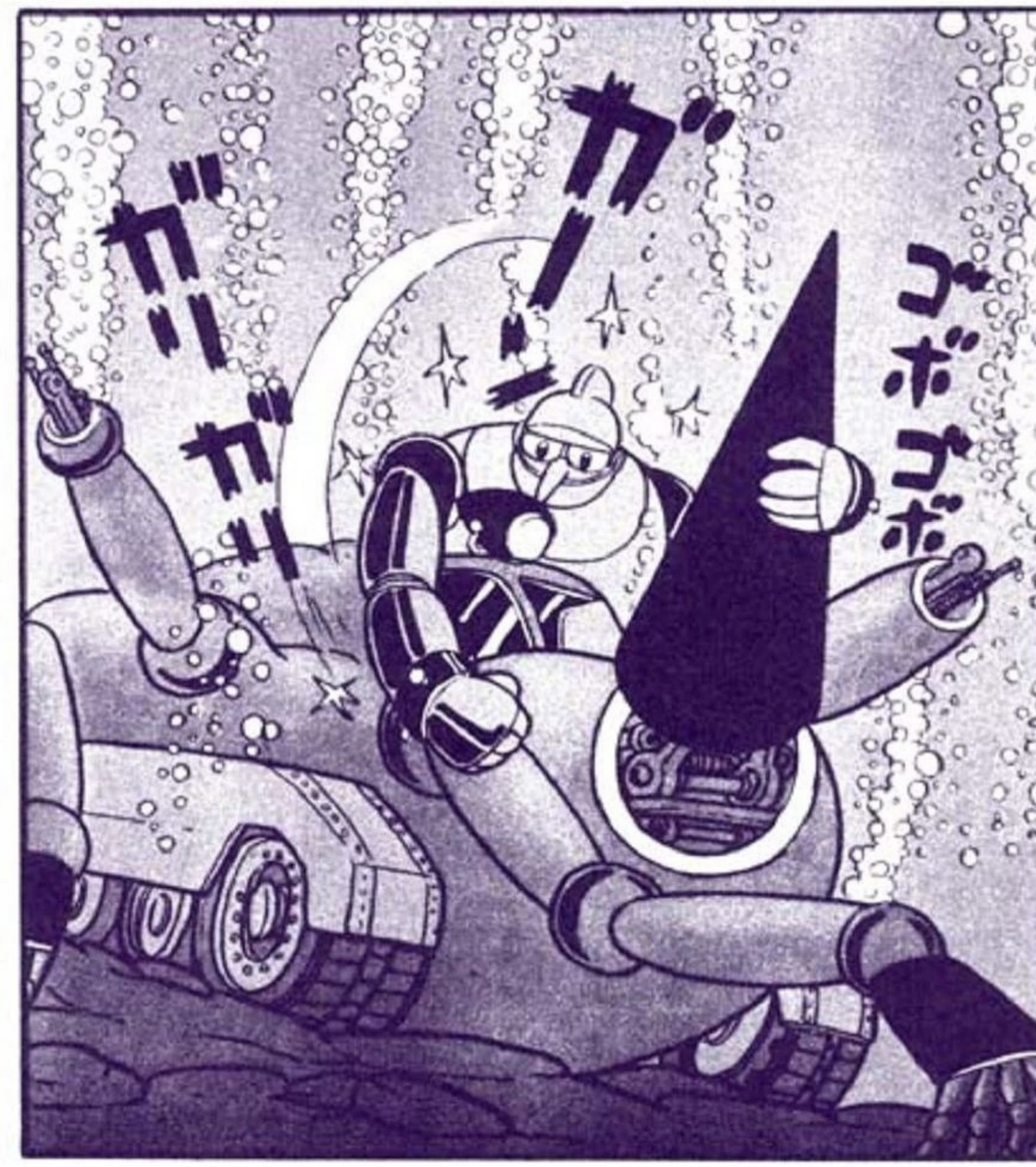
THE CAVE IS TURNING UPWARDS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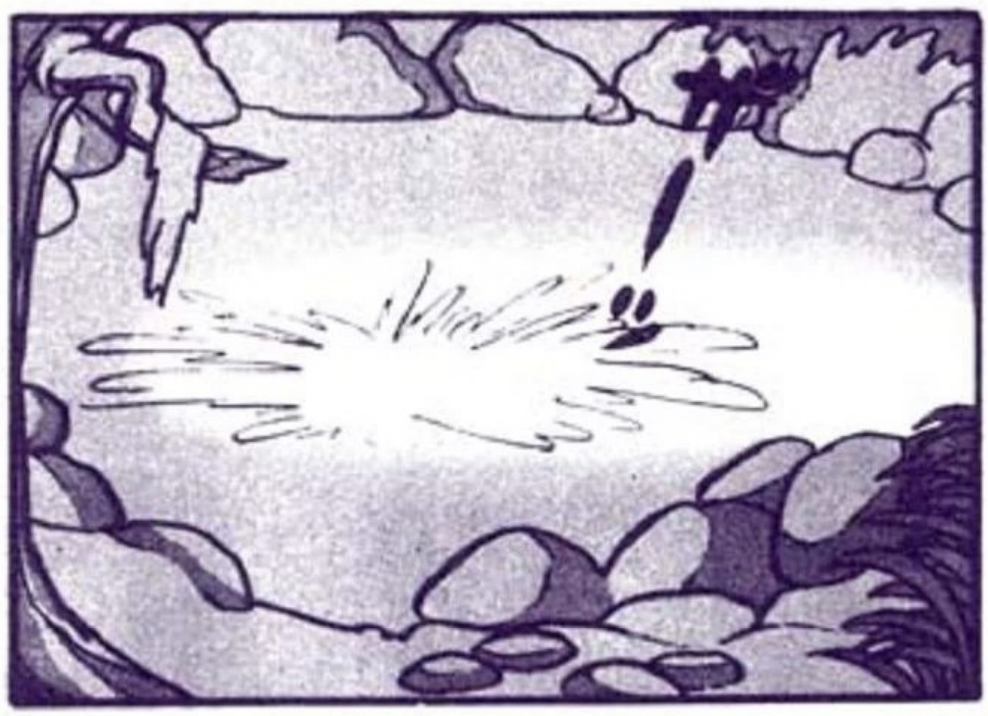

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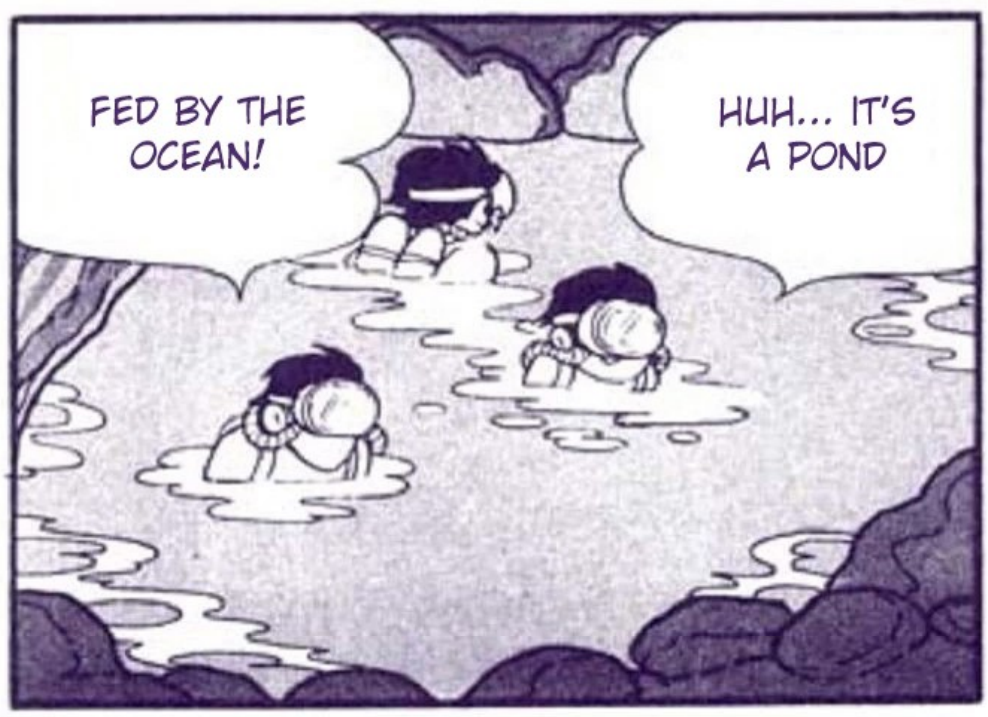
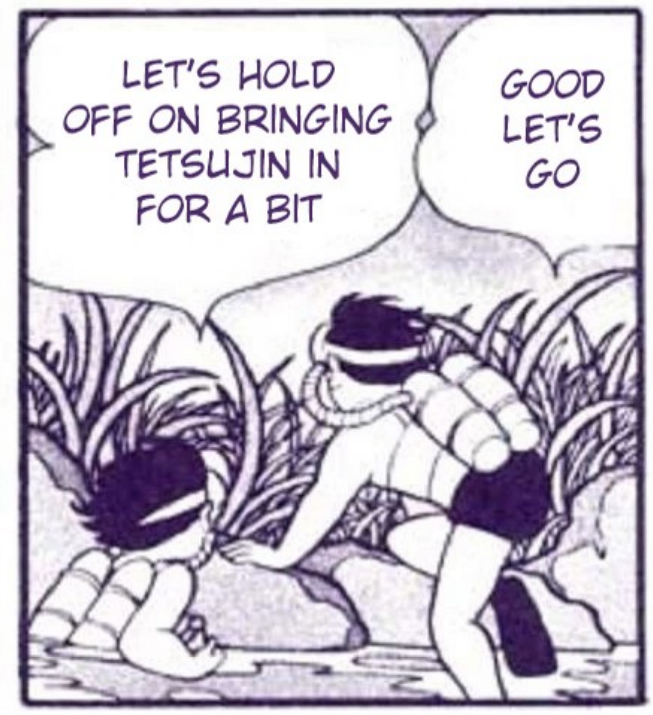
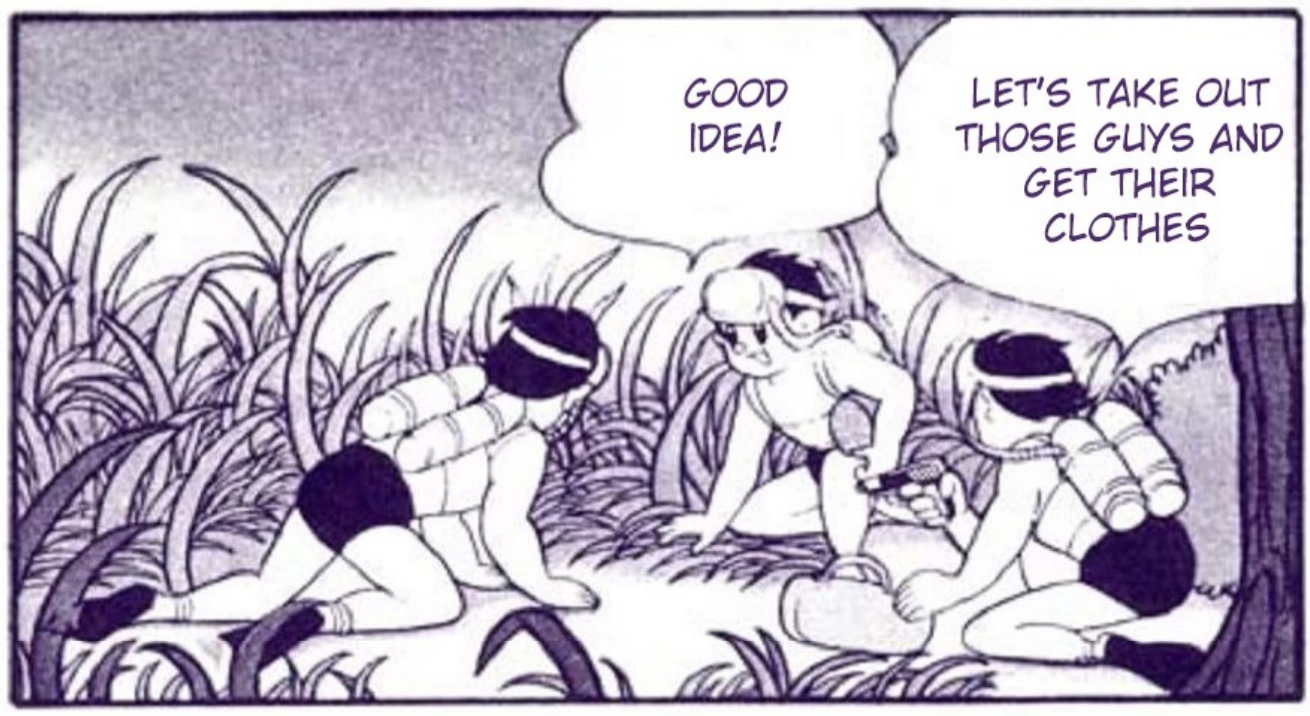

FED BY THE OCEAN!
HUH... IT'S A POND

THAT'S RIGHT!
THAT MUST BE THE HIDEOUT OF THE FROG-MEN!

OH!
SHOTARO, THERE'S A WESTERN-STYLE BUILDING OVER THERE

GUARDS!


LET'S HOLD OFF ON BRINGING TETSUJIN IN FOR A BIT
GOOD LET'S GO


GOOD IDEA!
LET'S TAKE OUT THOSE GUYS AND GET THEIR CLOTHES

HMM
WHAT DO WE DO?

THEY SEEM TO BE PRETTY RELAXED
THEY SURE ARE QUIET FISHERMEN

NOTHING AT ALL SIR
ANYTHING UP WITH THOSE GUYS?

THAT'S TWO DOWN

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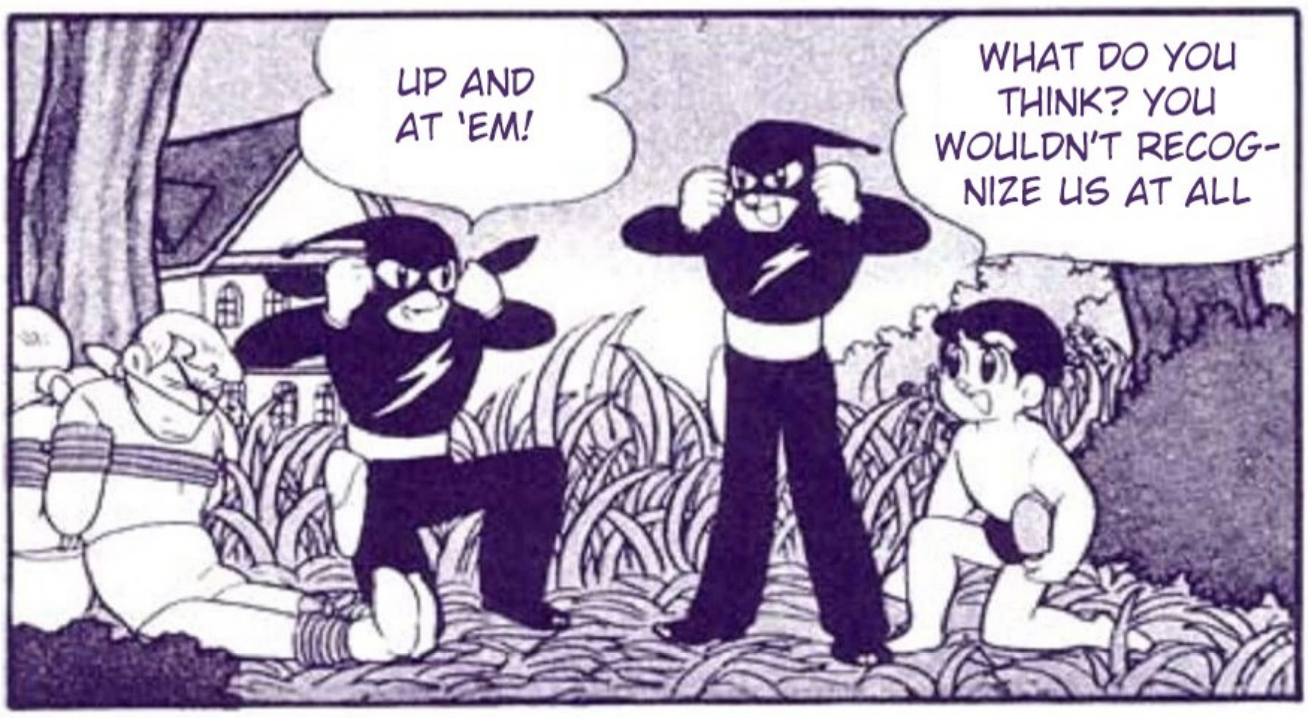
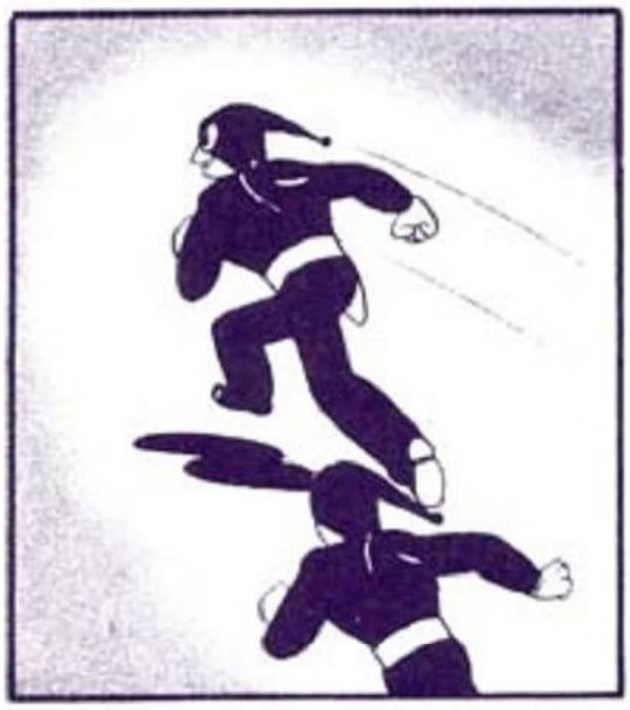

UP AND AT 'EM!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? YOU WOULDN'T RECOG-NIZE US AT ALL

OKAY, TIME TO DRESS UP

IF WE'RE IN DANGER, I'LL FIRE MY PISTOL THREE TIMES, AND THAT'LL BE A SIGNAL FOR TETSUJIN!
WE'LL GO IN THERE WITH OUR EYES OPEN AND SEE WHAT'S GOING ON

SHOTARO, STAY HERE AND KEEP A LOOK OUT.

THEY WOULDN'T FIT YOU ANY-WAY
I DON'T HAVE A SUIT



PLEASE DO!
FINE... I'LL HIDE RIGHT HERE

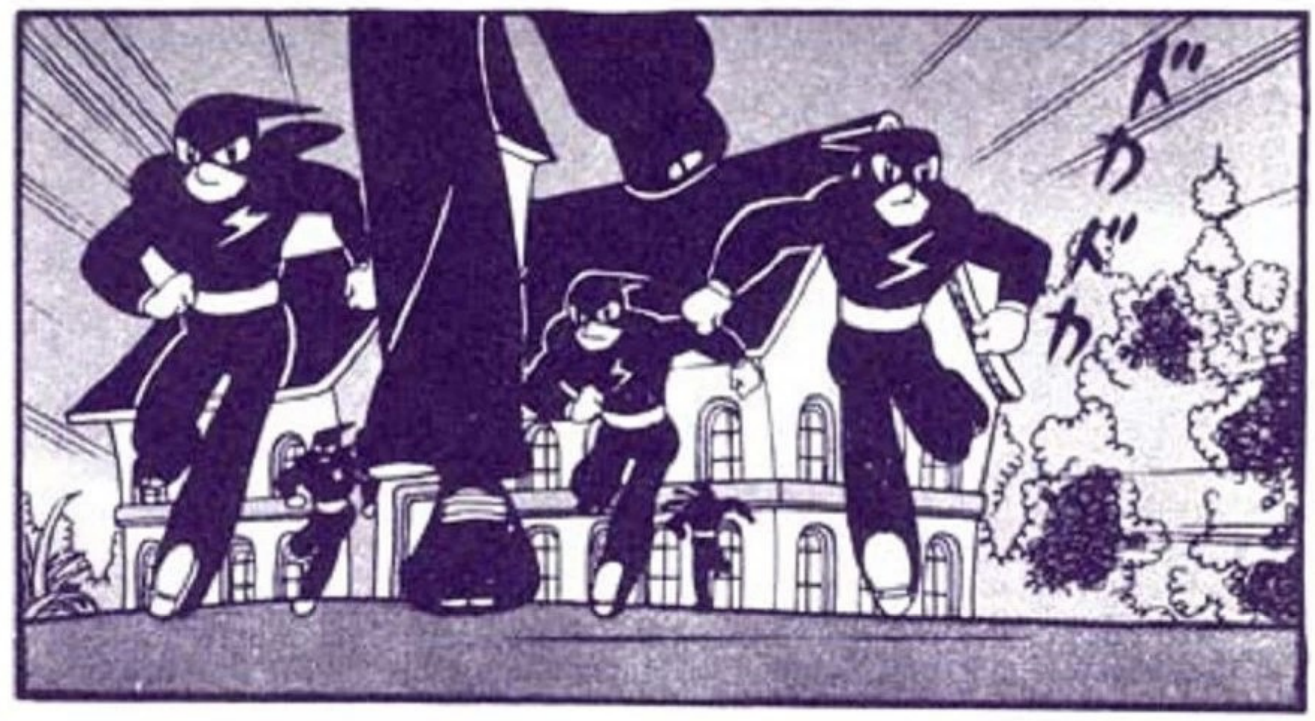
BUT SOMEONE HAS GOT TO BE ABLE TO CALL THE CHIEF, SO...
BUT I WANT TO GO TOO

HIYA! HIYA!
HAIYA!
UH OH, THAT'S NOT GOOD

I HOPE THEY DO WELL

WHAT THE ....

LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING HAS GONE WRONG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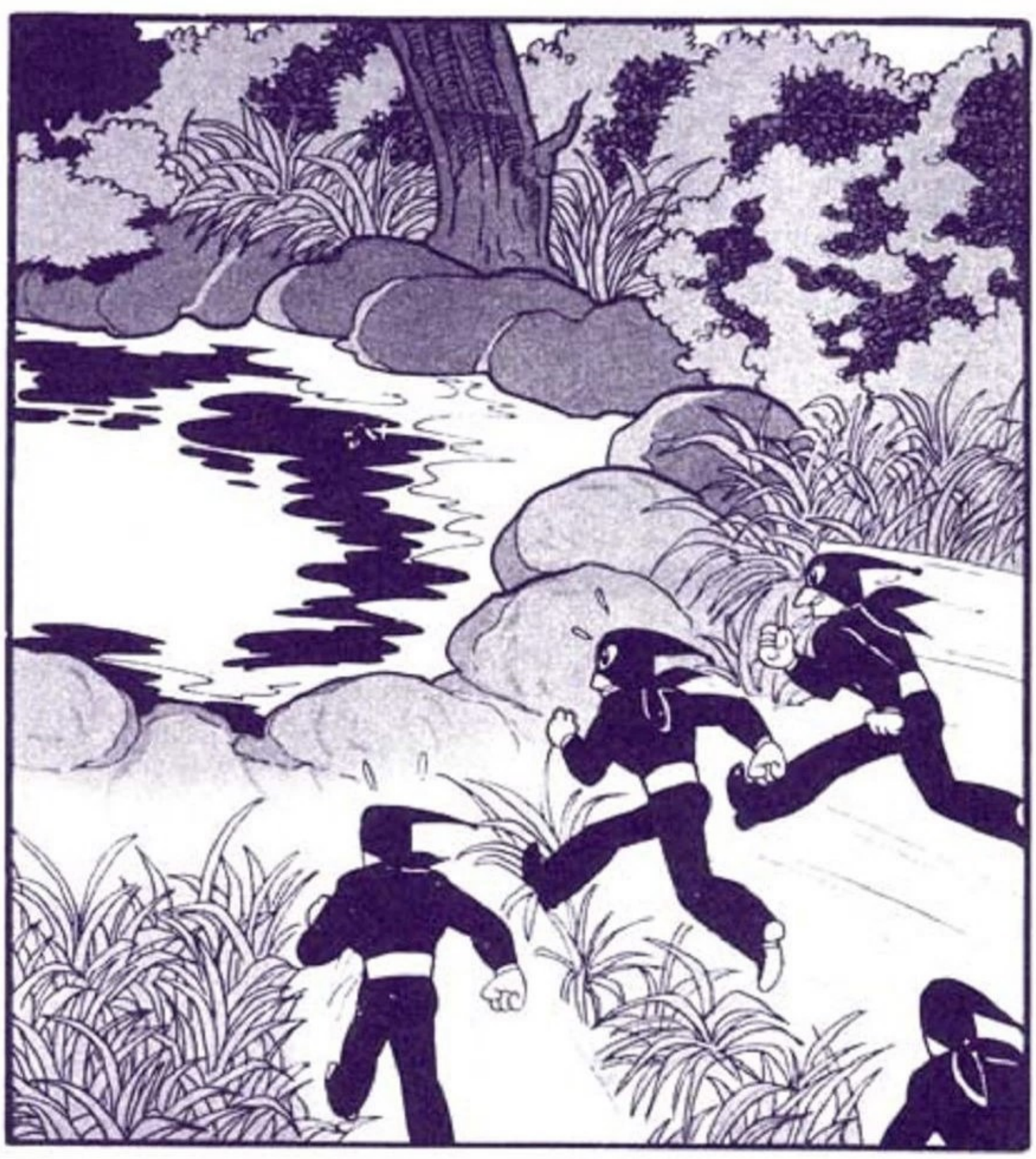
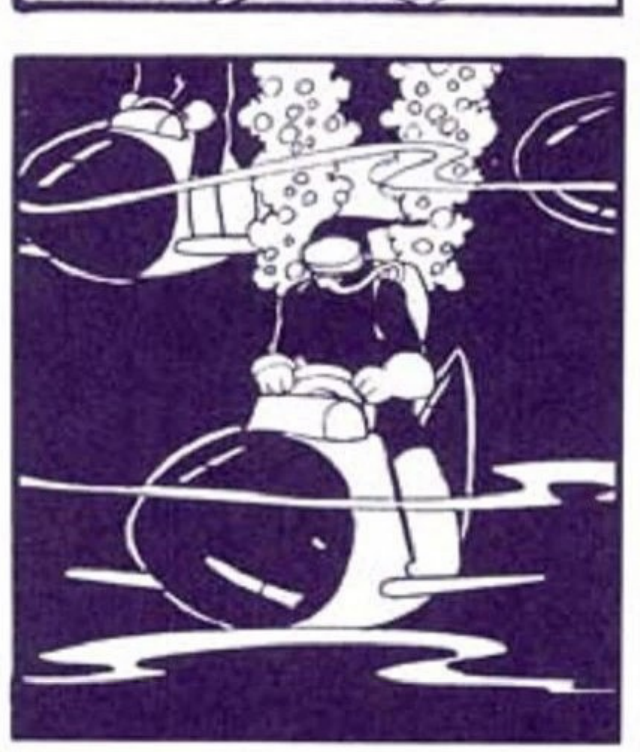
MIGHT BE BETTER TO CHECK THINGS OUT FROM UP THERE

HMMM THEY'RE LOOKING INTO THE POND

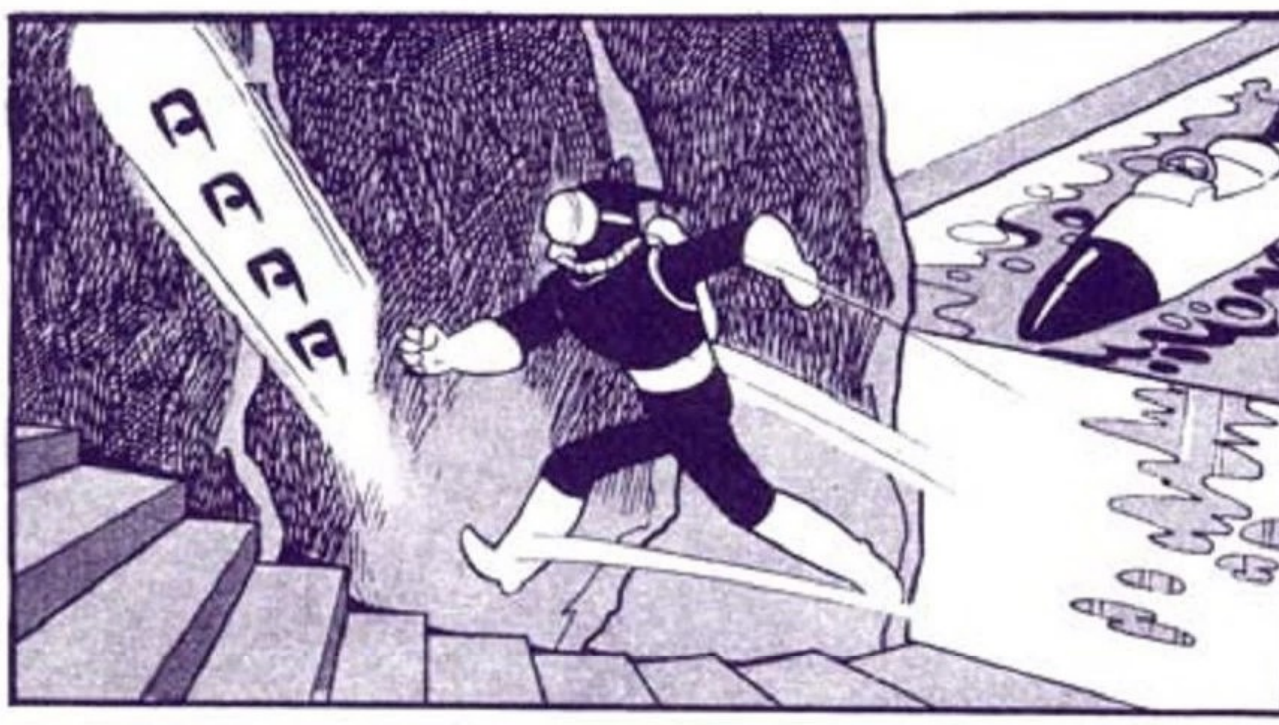


OH! THERE'S A SECRET PASSAGE DOWN THERE



YES!
SOUND THE ALARM IMMEDIATELY!

I KNEW IT! THOSE GUYS ARE SNOOPING AROUND HERE
HEY! IT'S TETSUJIN!



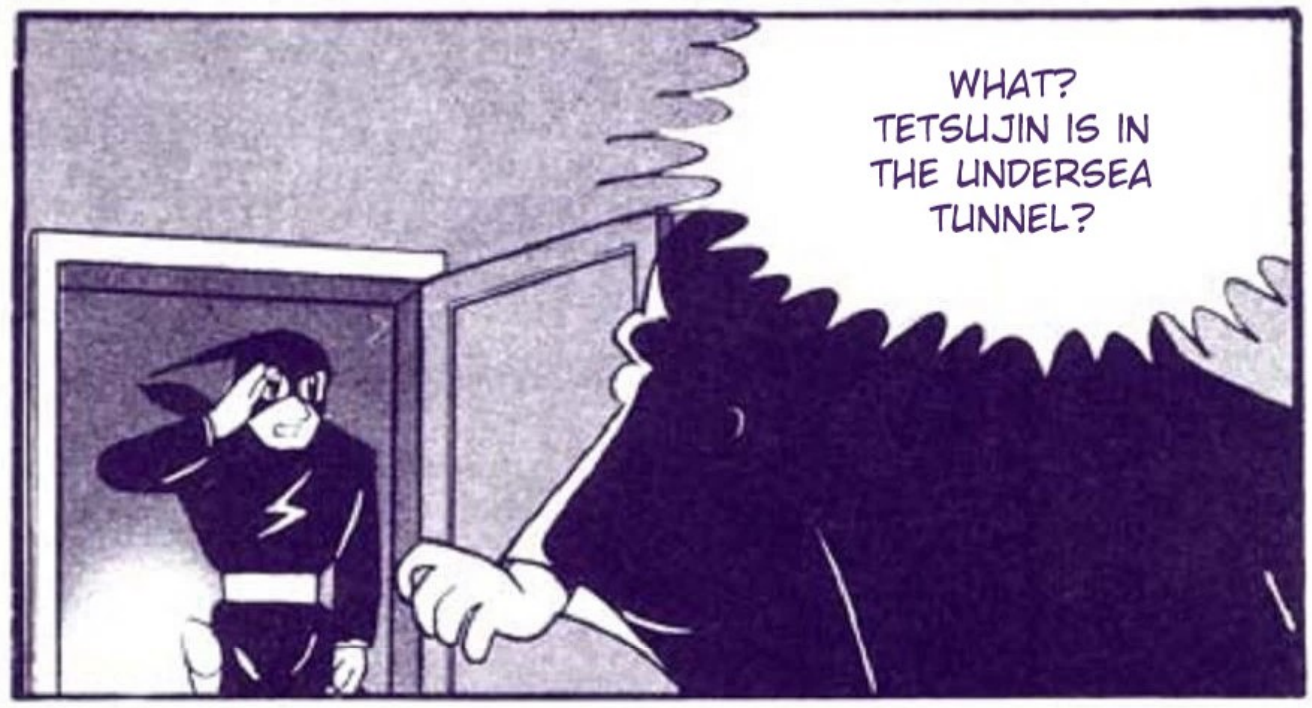
SOMEONE IS SNEAKING AROUND HERE!
NOTIFY THE BOSS!

I KNEW IT! TETSUJIN IS DOWN THERE!
HEY, WHAT'S UP?

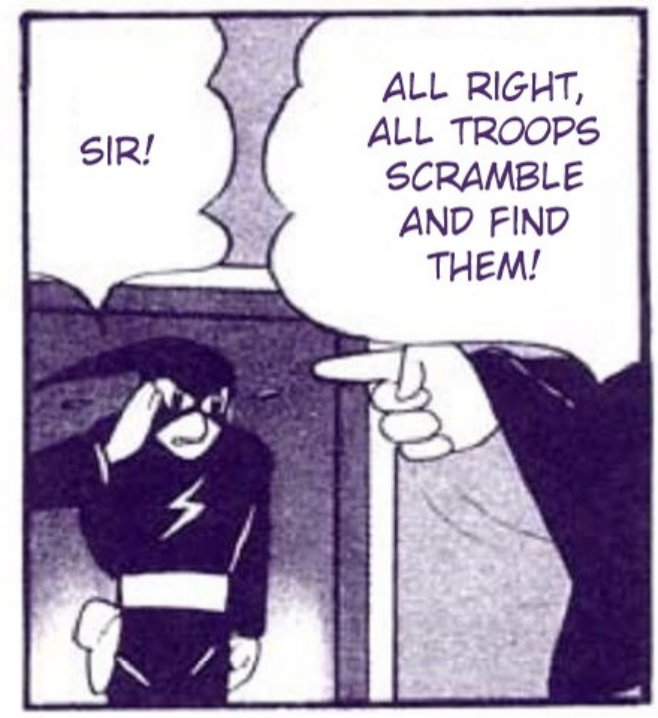
OH NO! THEY'VE FOUND TETSUJIN!

HUH!

SO SHOTARO AND THE POLICE HAVE MADE IT THIS FAR, HAVEN'T THEY


WHAT? TETSUJIN IS IN THE UNDERSEA TUNNEL?

SIR!
AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, GO RETRIEVE TETSUJIN!


SIR!
ALL RIGHT, ALL TROOPS SCRAMBLE AND FIND THEM!

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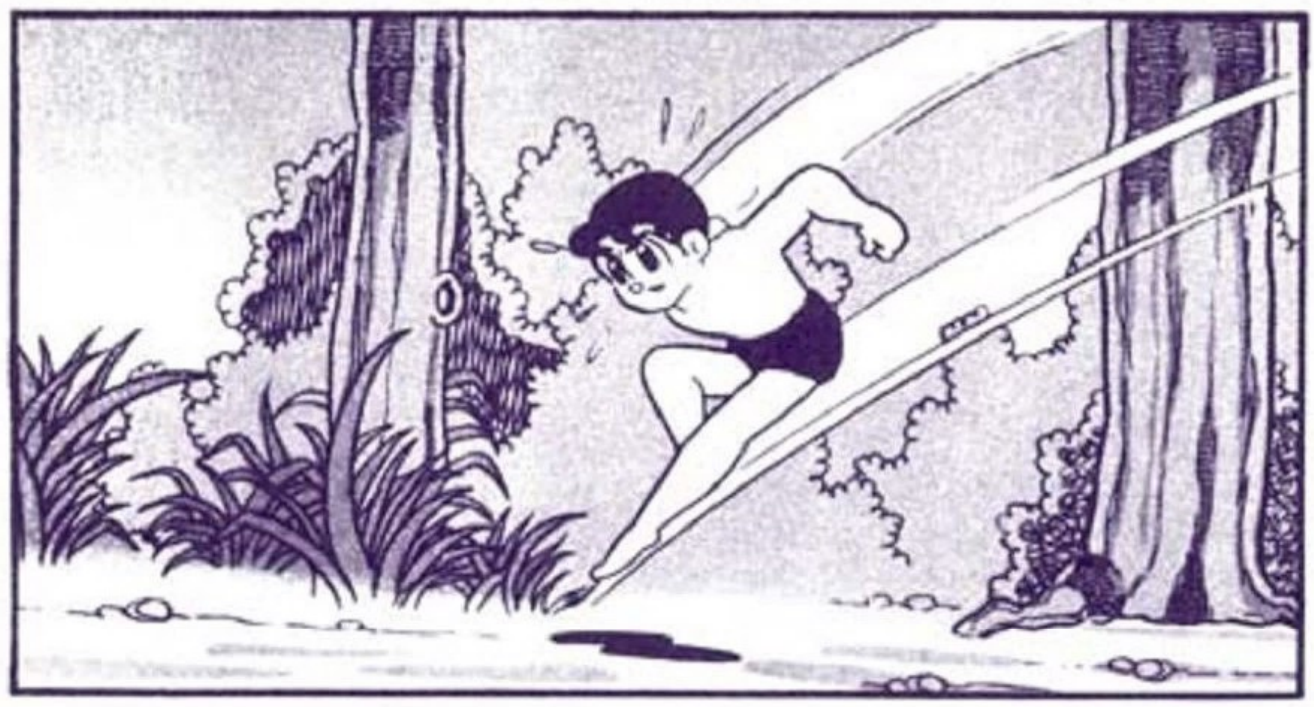

OH, SHIT, THEY'RE GONNA COME LOOKING FOR US.

SO THEY DIDN'T COME ASHORE FROM THE DOCK OF THE SUB, THEY CAME ASHORE FROM THIS POND

YEAH
LOOK, THE GROUND IS WET

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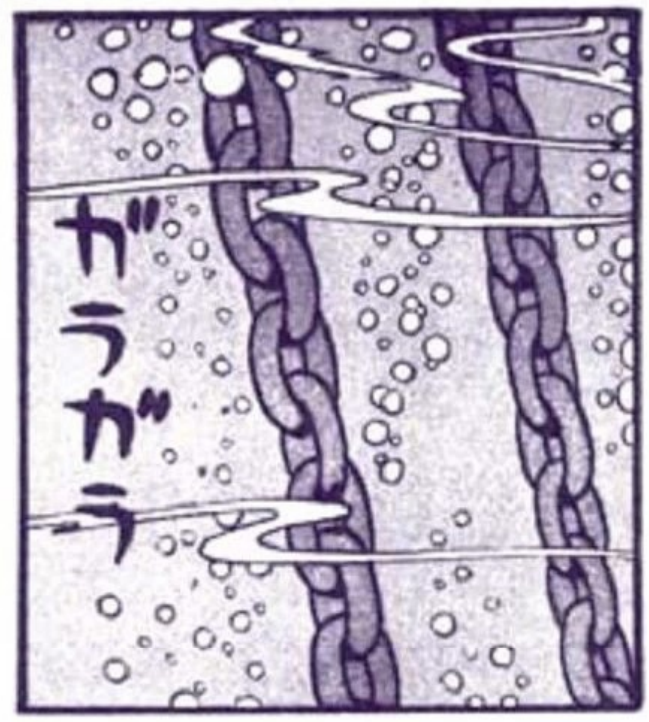
ALL RIGHT. SEARCH EVERYWHERE, EVEN THROUGH THE GRASS

ALL RIGHT, I'M GONNA LET TETSUJIN RUN WILD AROUND HERE

I CAN'T LET THOSE GUYS STOP US

PUT YOUR BACKS INTO IT AND HURRY UP, MEN! YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN TETSUJIN MIGHT ACTIVATE AND ATTACK US!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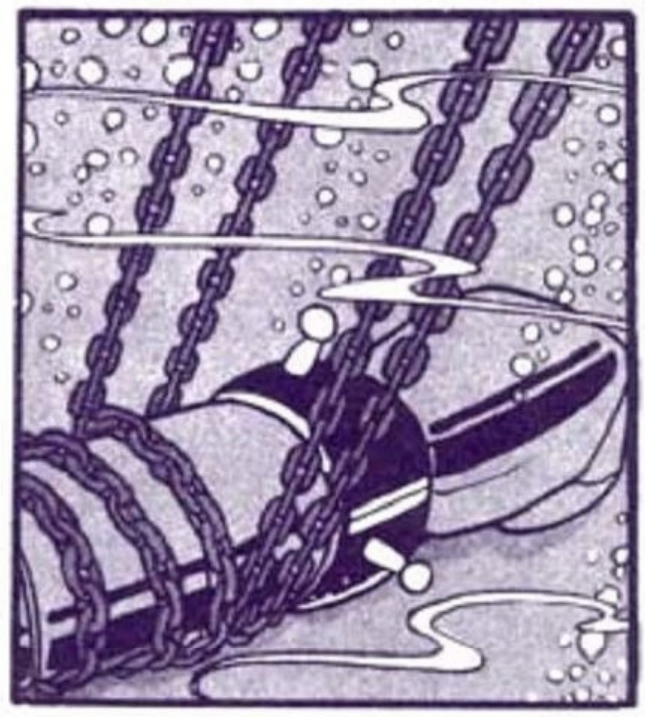

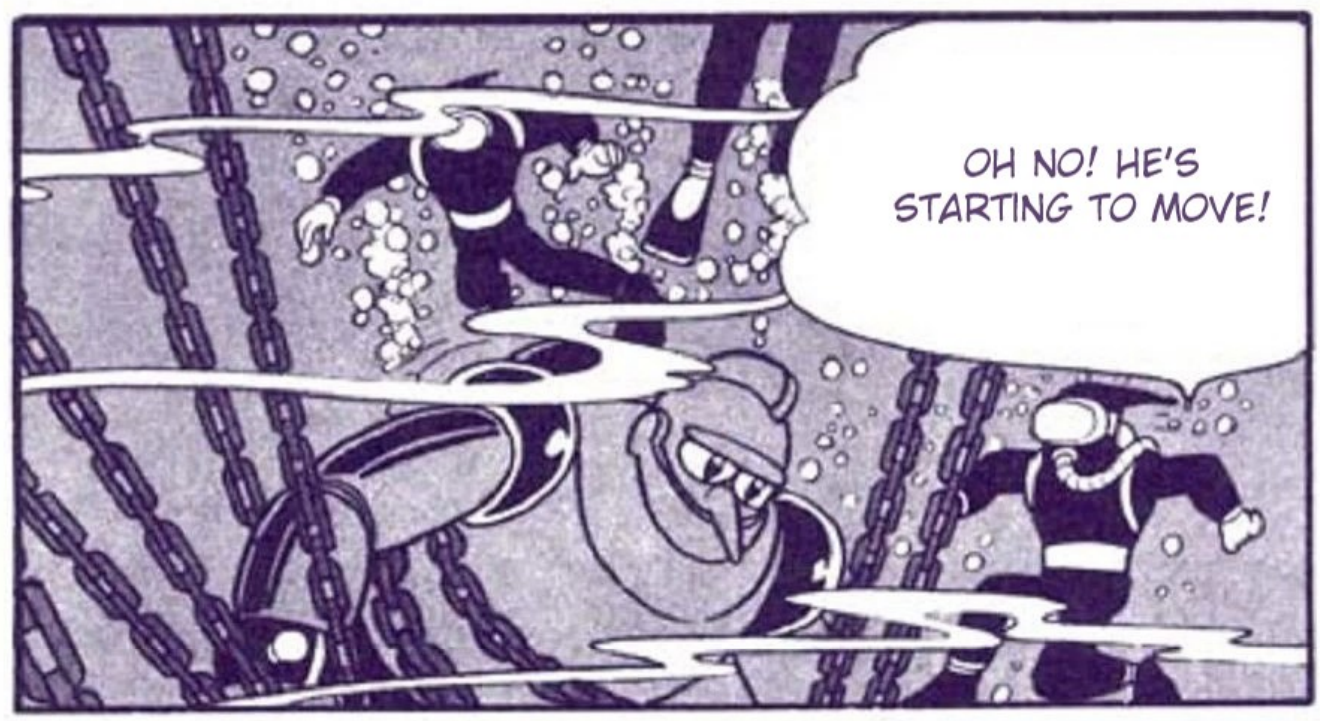
OH NO! HE'S STARTING TO MOVE!

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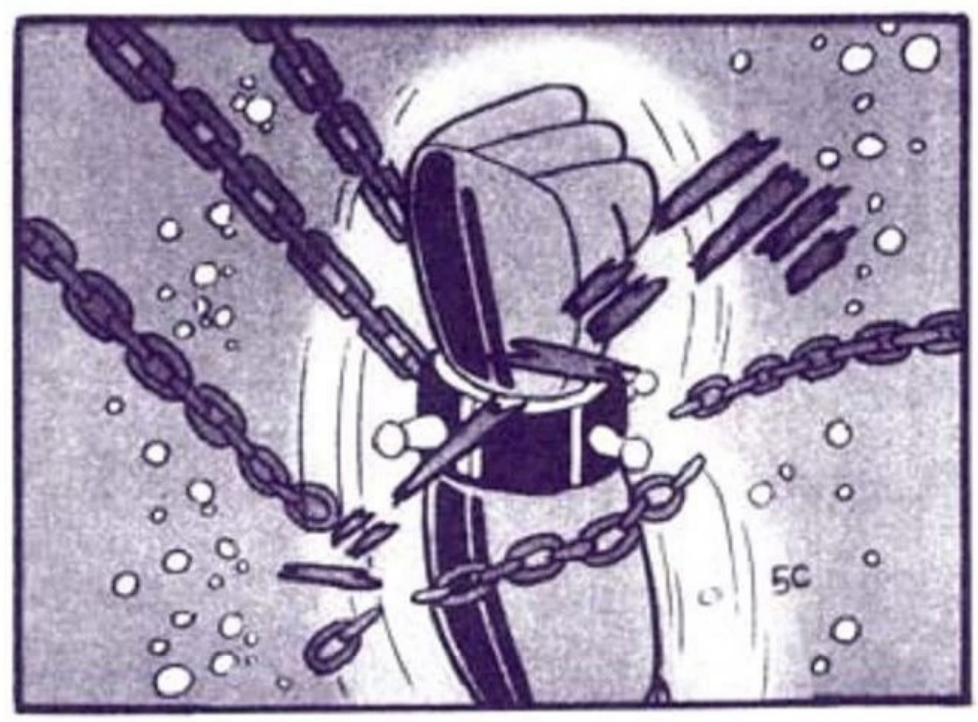
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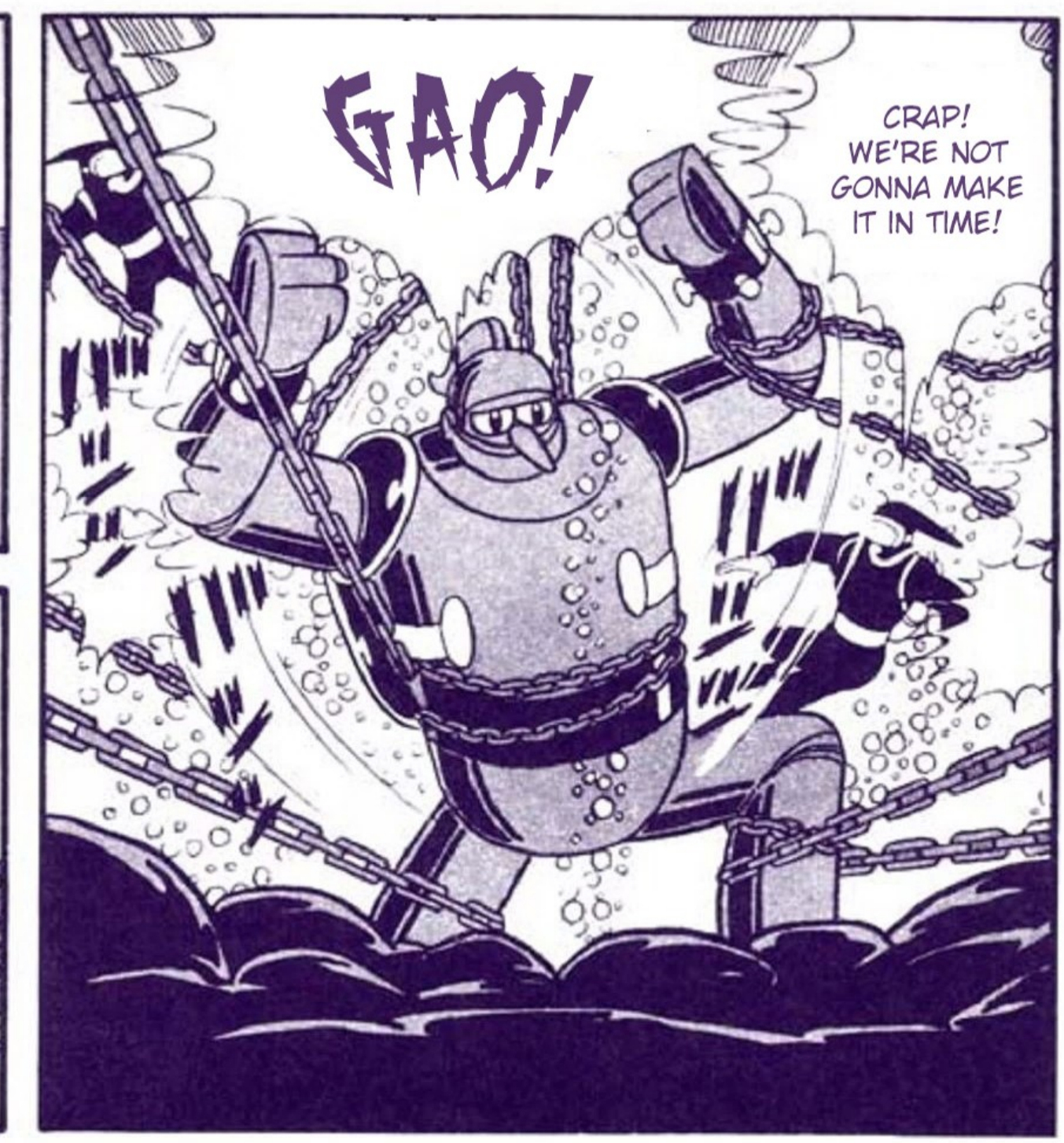
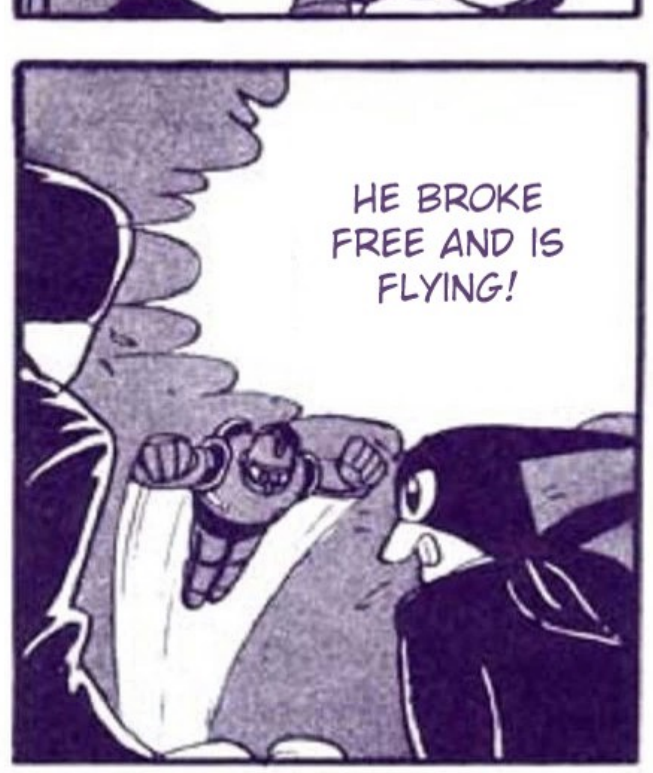
GET MORE CHAINS ON 'EM!

GET OUTTA HERE!

NO! THERE'S NO WAY THIS IS HAPPENING!


GAO!
CRAP! WE'RE NOT GONNA MAKE IT IN TIME!


HE BROKE FREE AND IS FLYING!

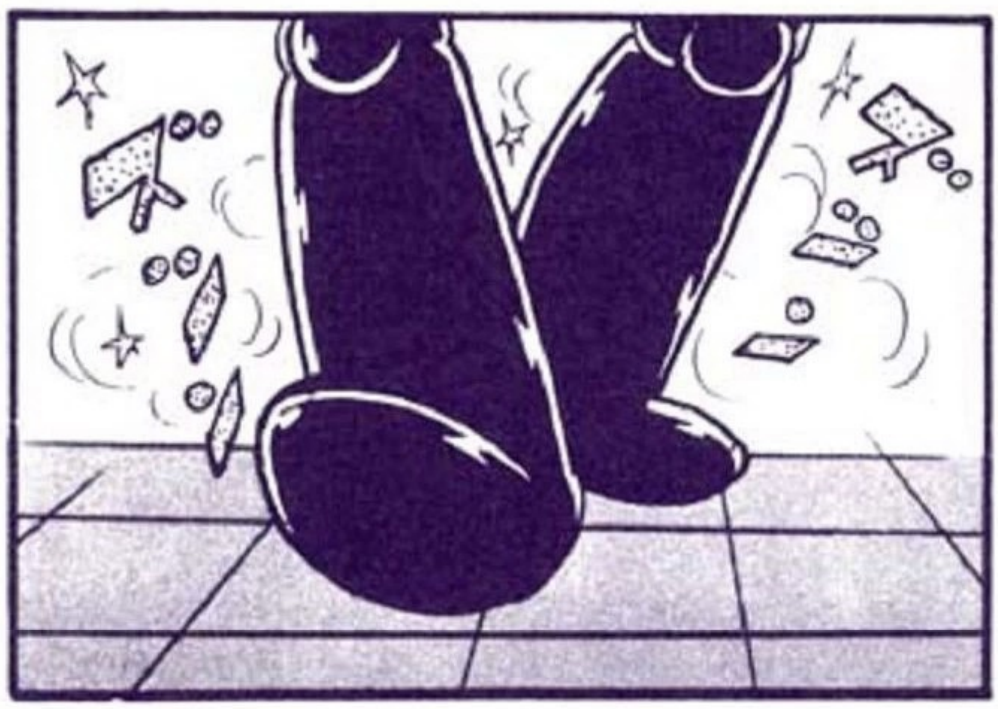
WAHHH!

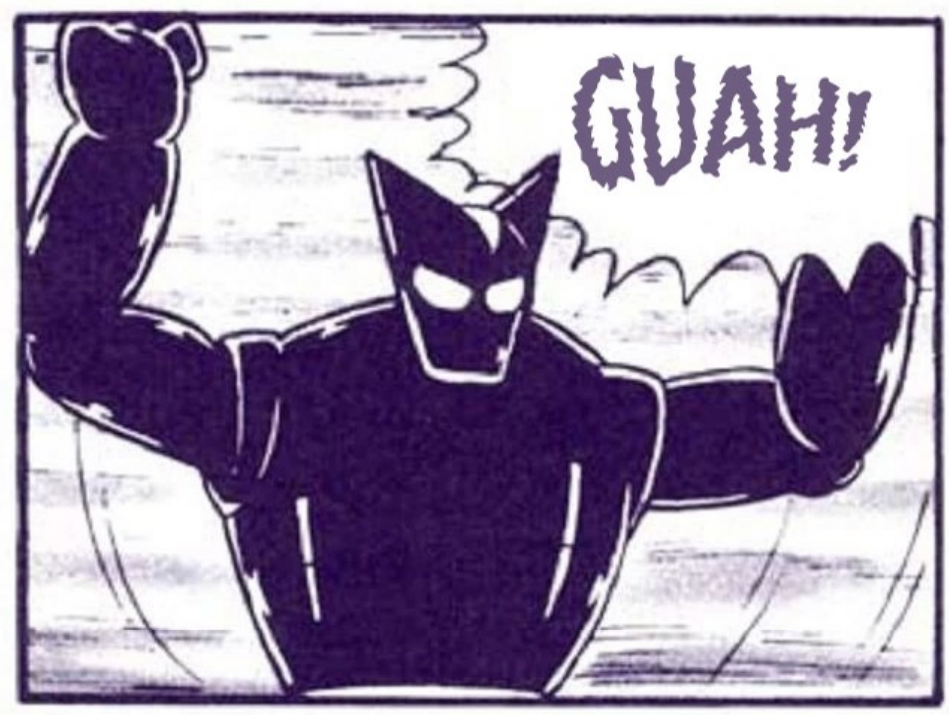
H-HEELP!

SO TETSUJIN HAS BEEN ACTIVATED!

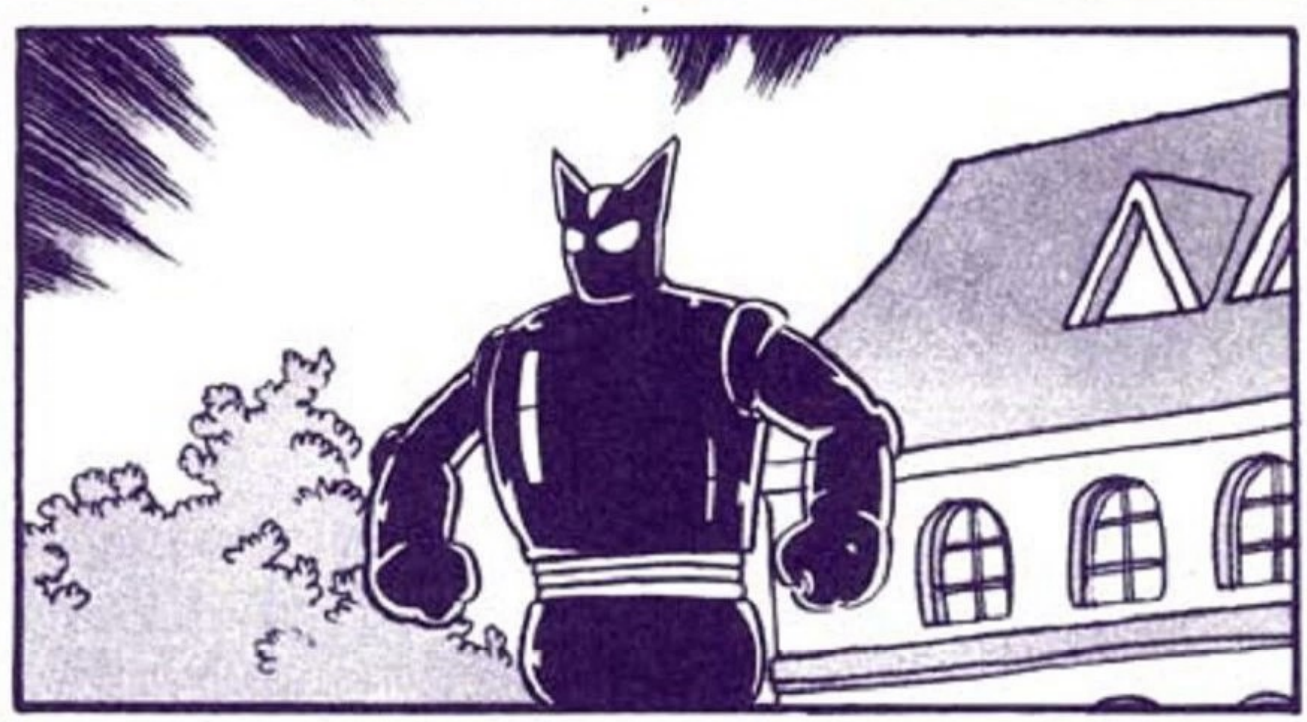
YIKES!

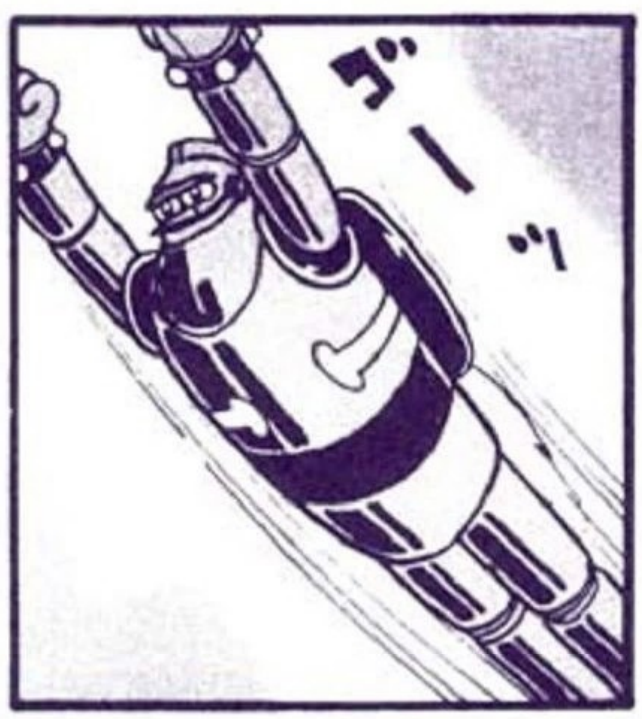
SIR!
GET ME BLACK OX!




GUAH!

OH! BLACK OX!

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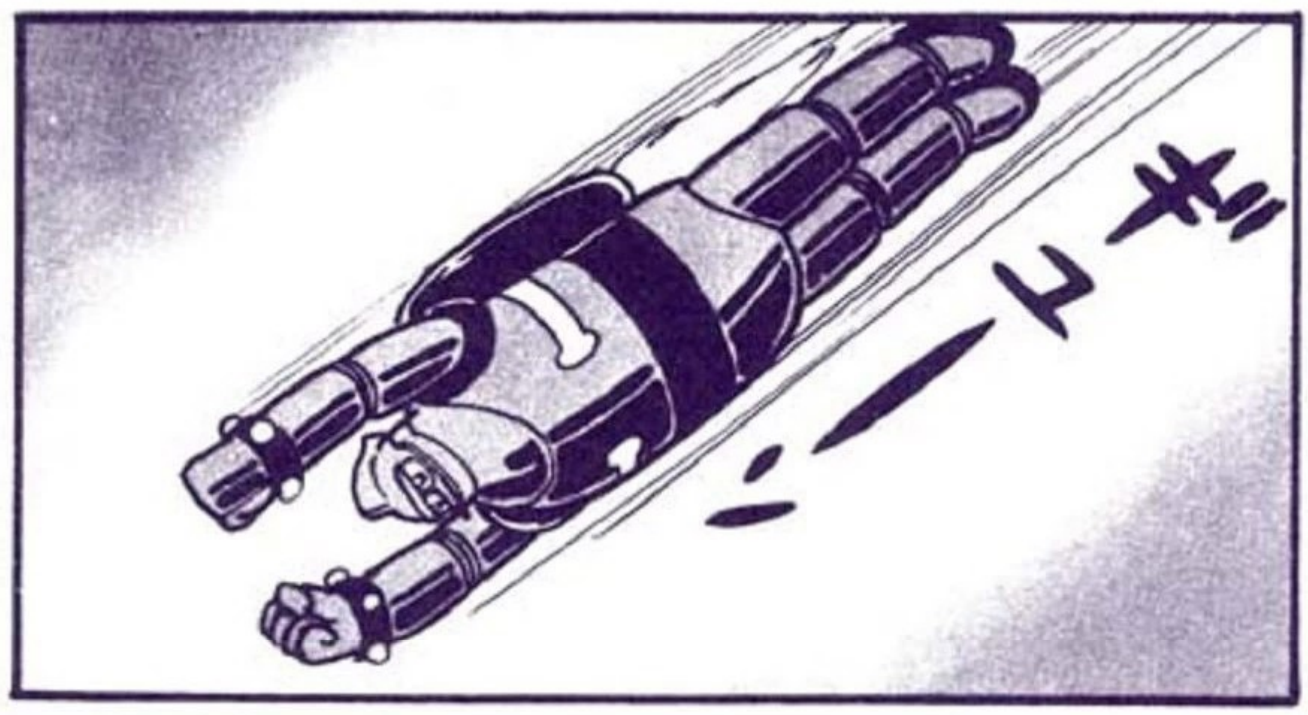
I'M NOT LETTING HIM NEAR TETSUJIN!



LET'S HIT EM FROM ABOVE!

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WAUGH!
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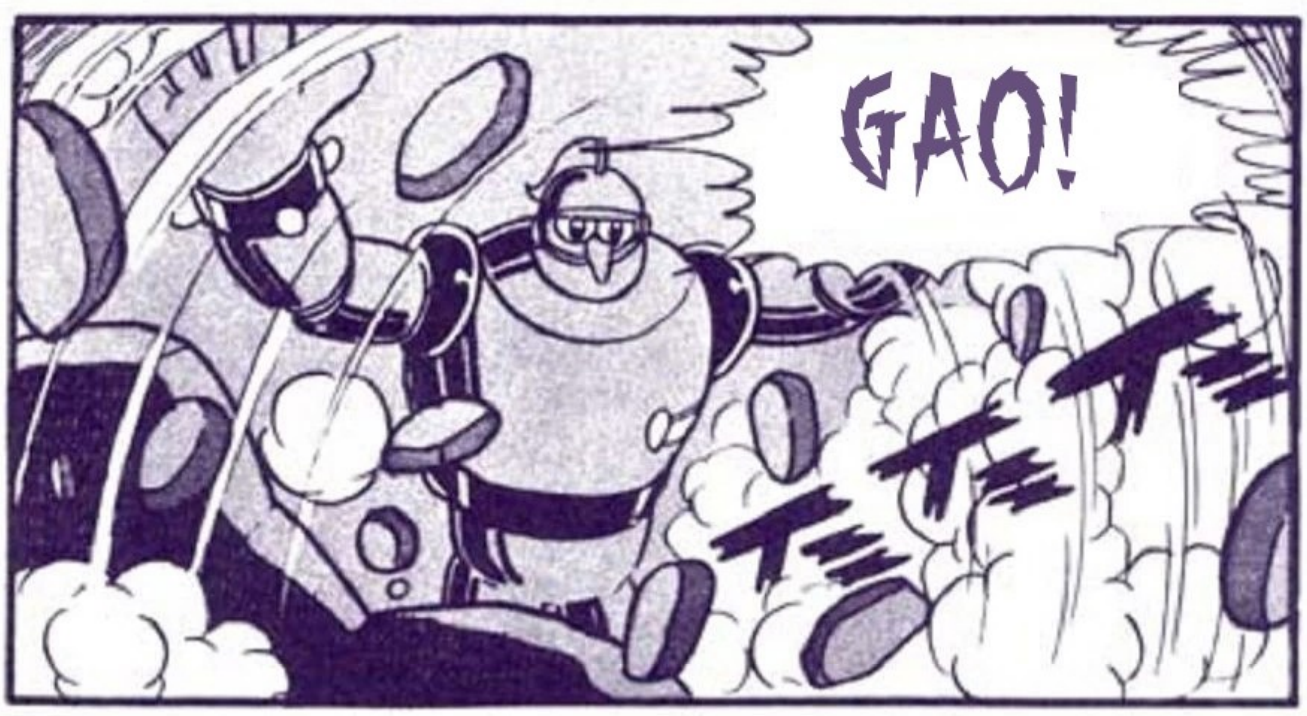
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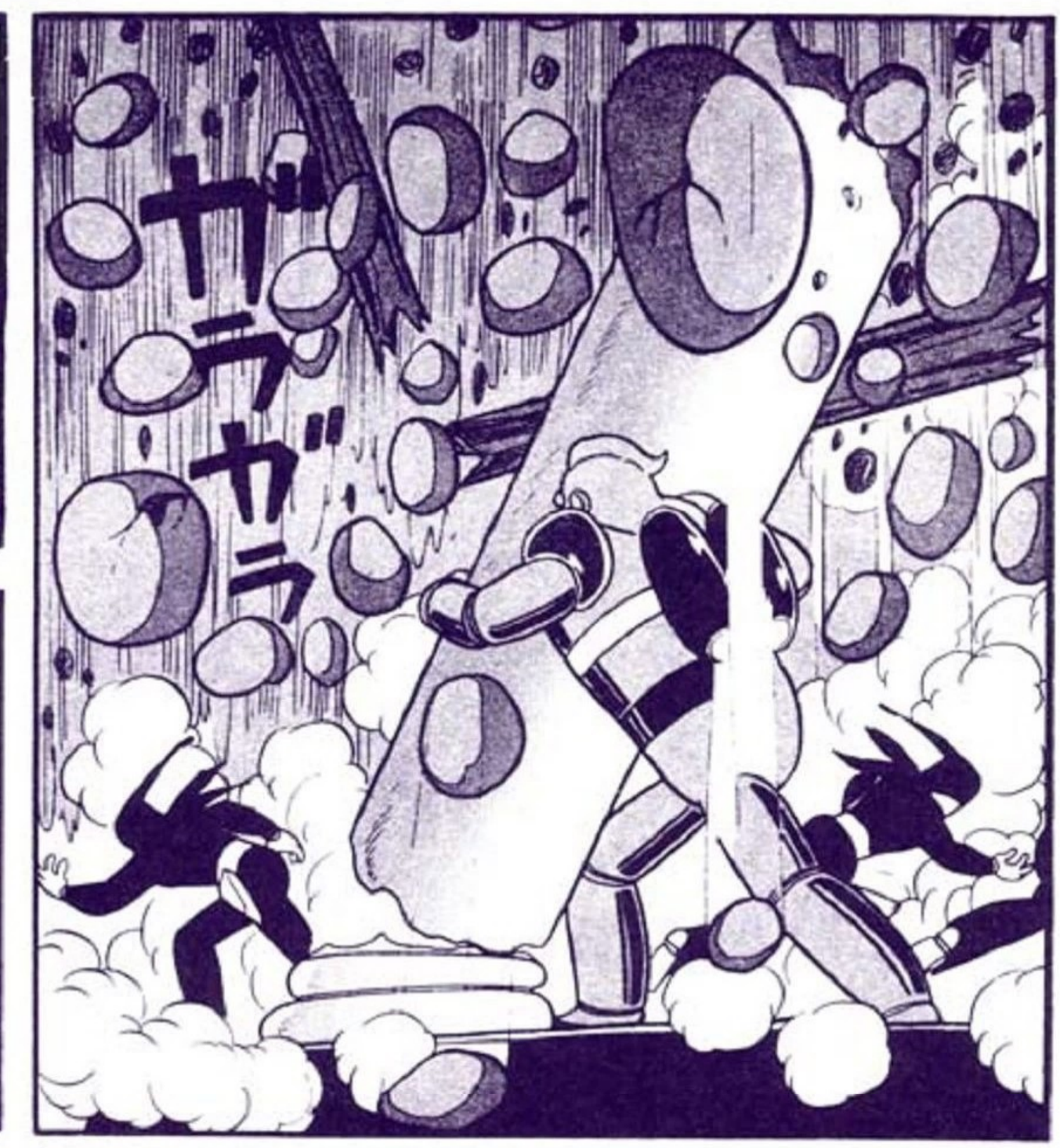
GET BLACK OX OVER HERE
NOW!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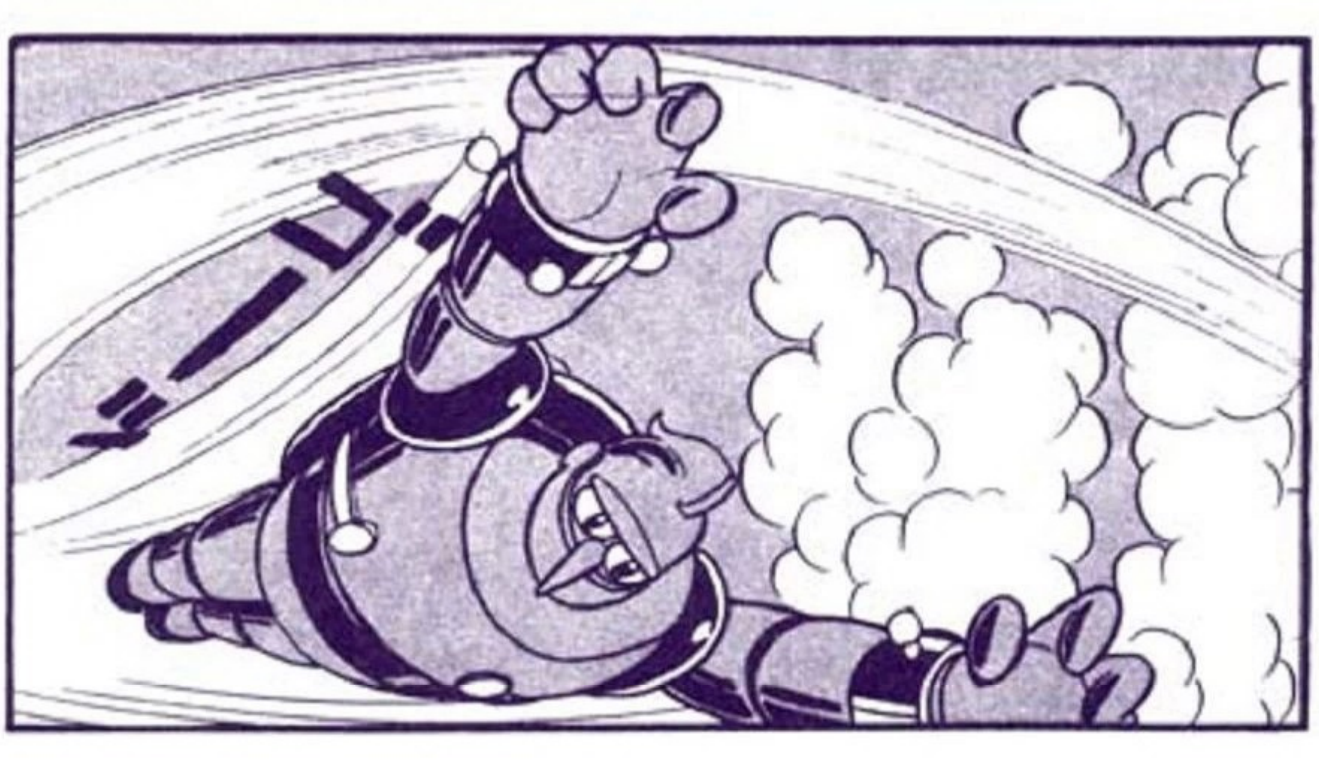
GUAH!

I WON'T LET YOU DOWN TETSUJIN!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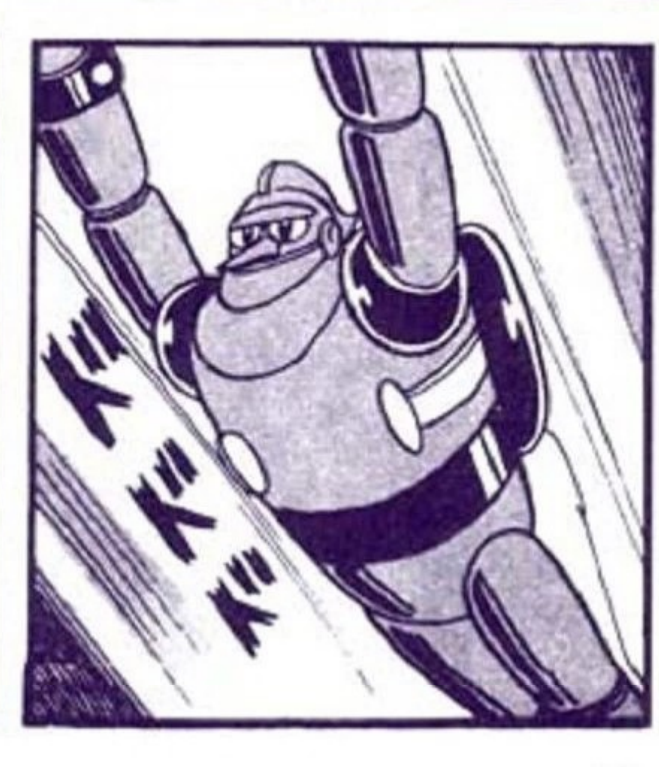
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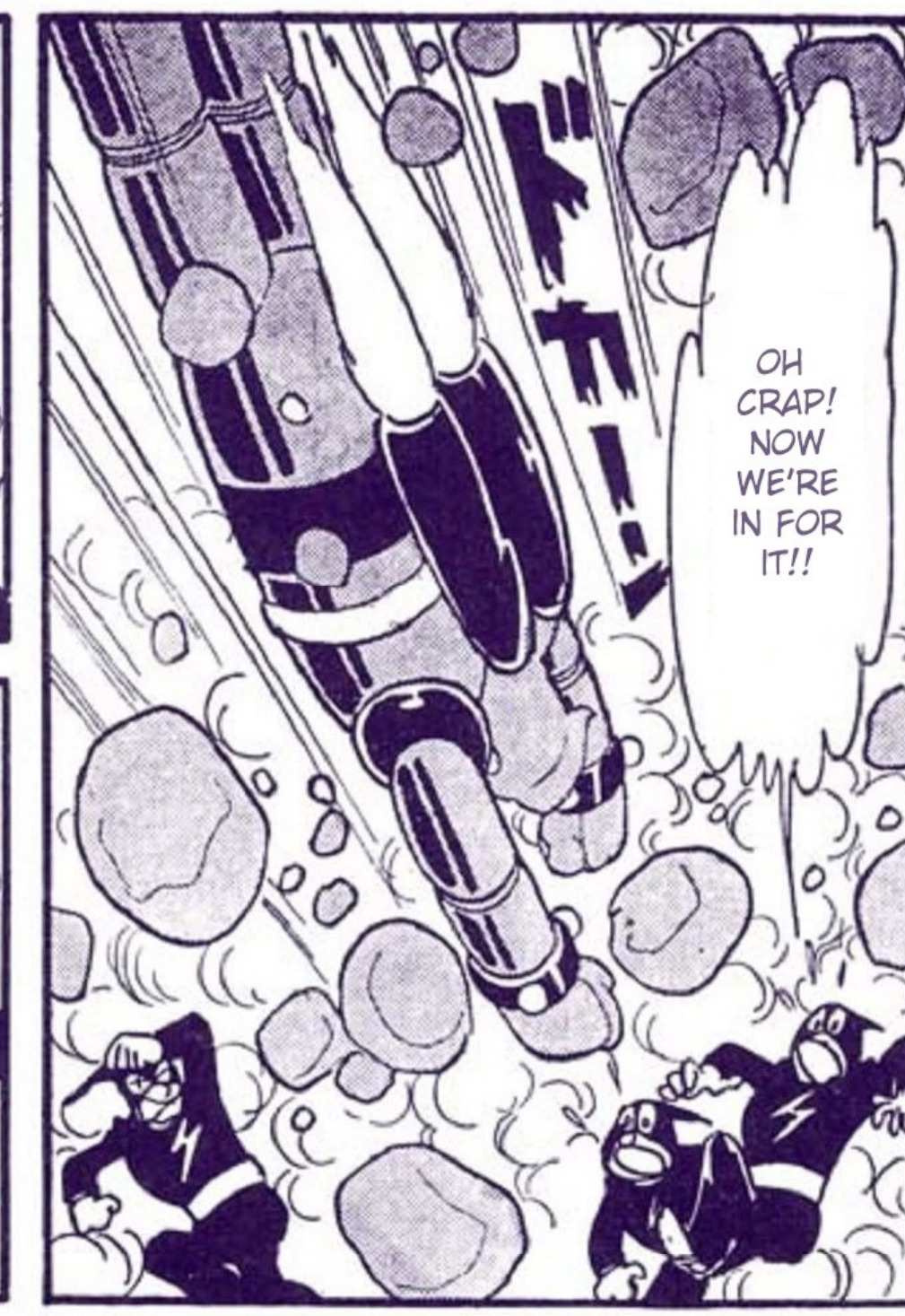
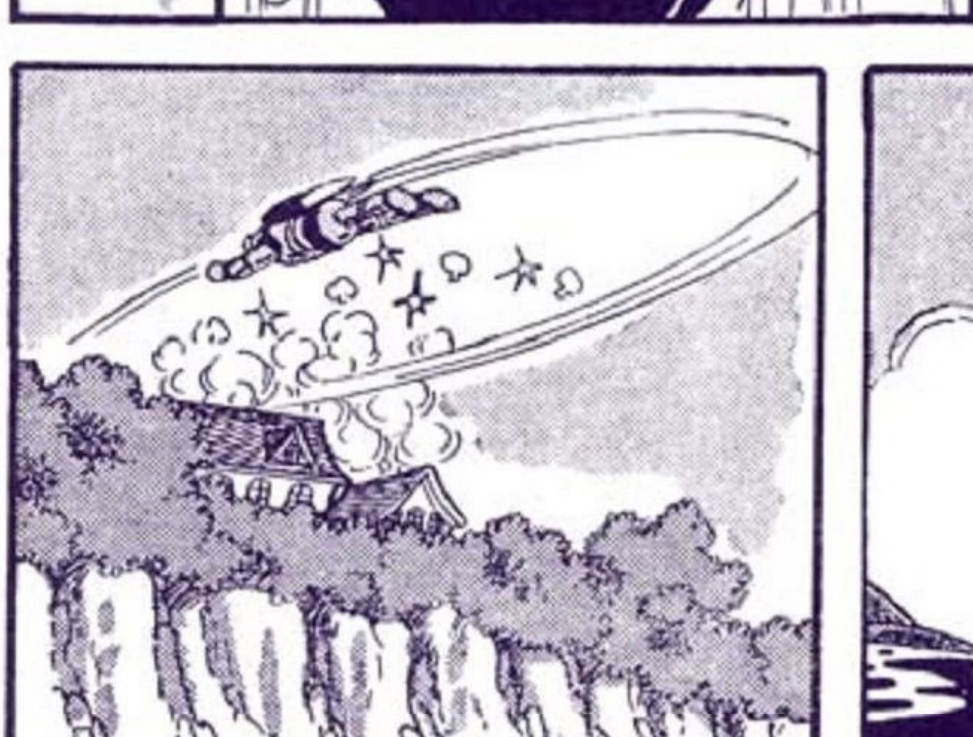
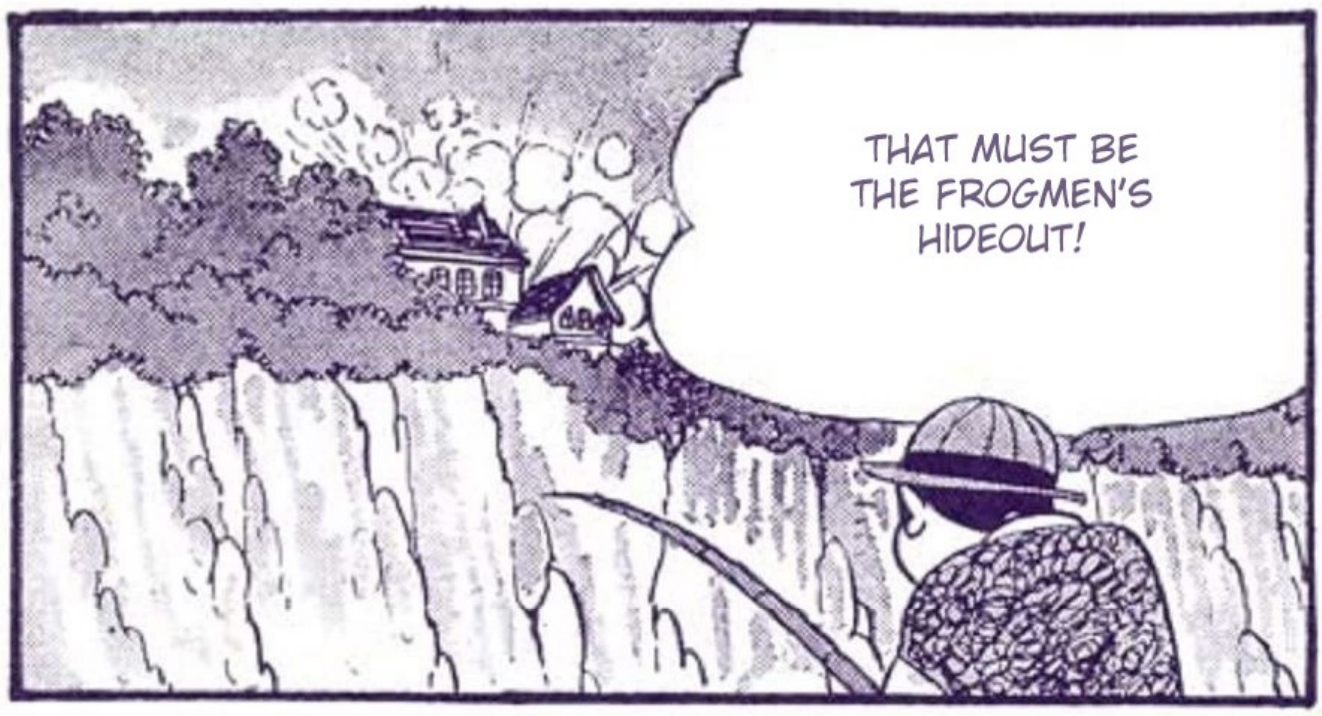
YIKES!


OH CRAP! NOW WE'RE IN FOR IT!!

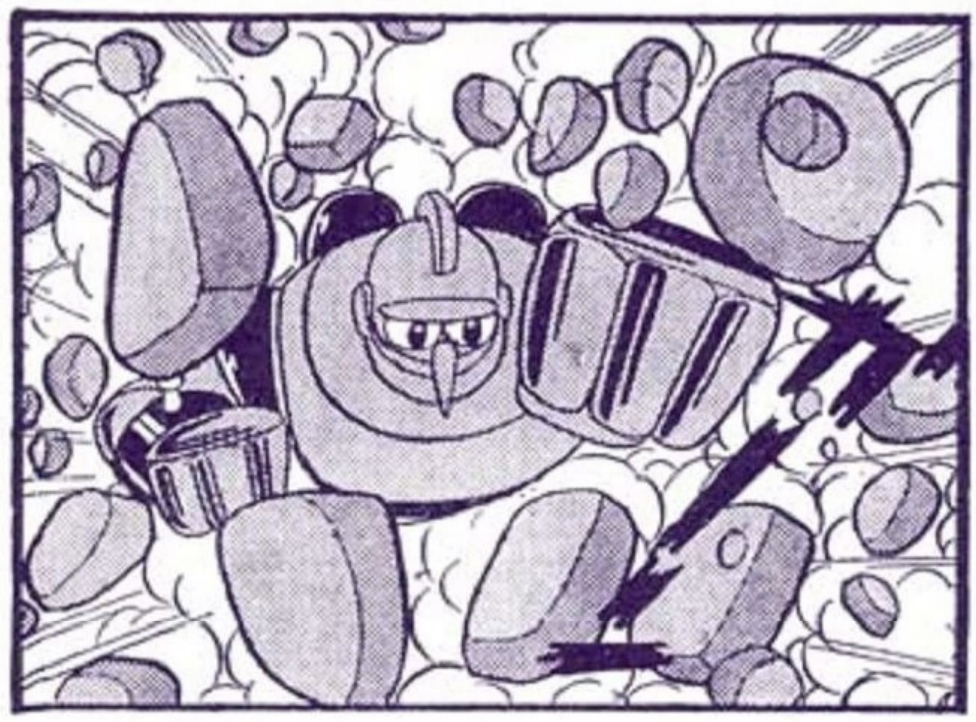
WE HAVE TO TAKE OUT WHOEVER IS CONTOLLING TETSUJIN!

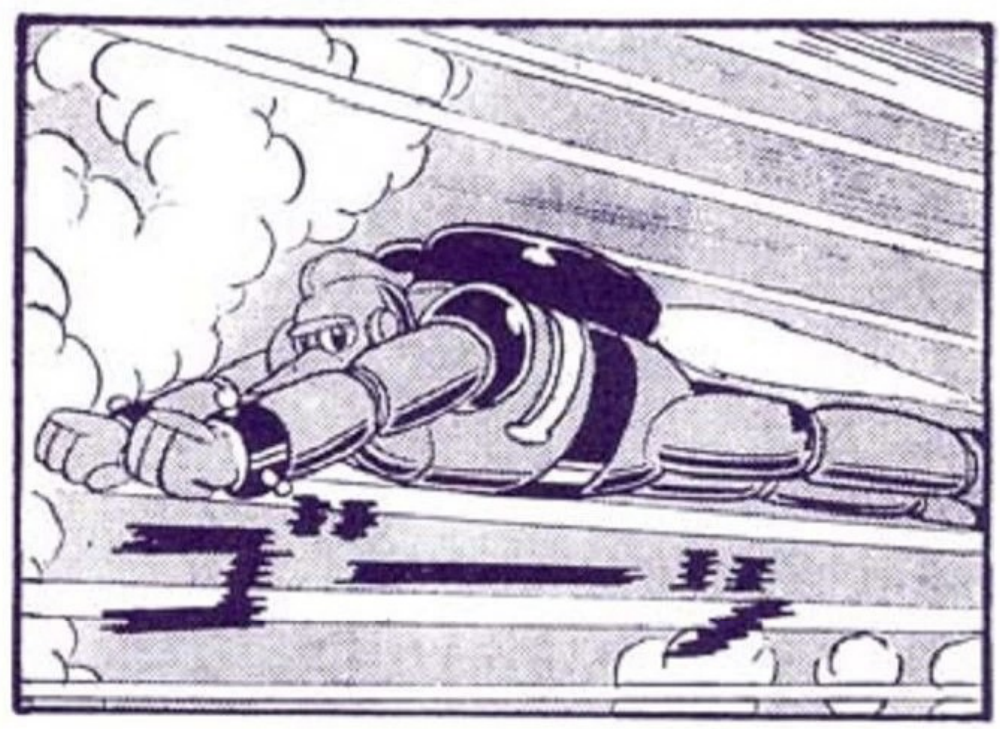
WE HAVE TO FIND HIM BEFORE THE WHOLE LAB IS DESTROYED!

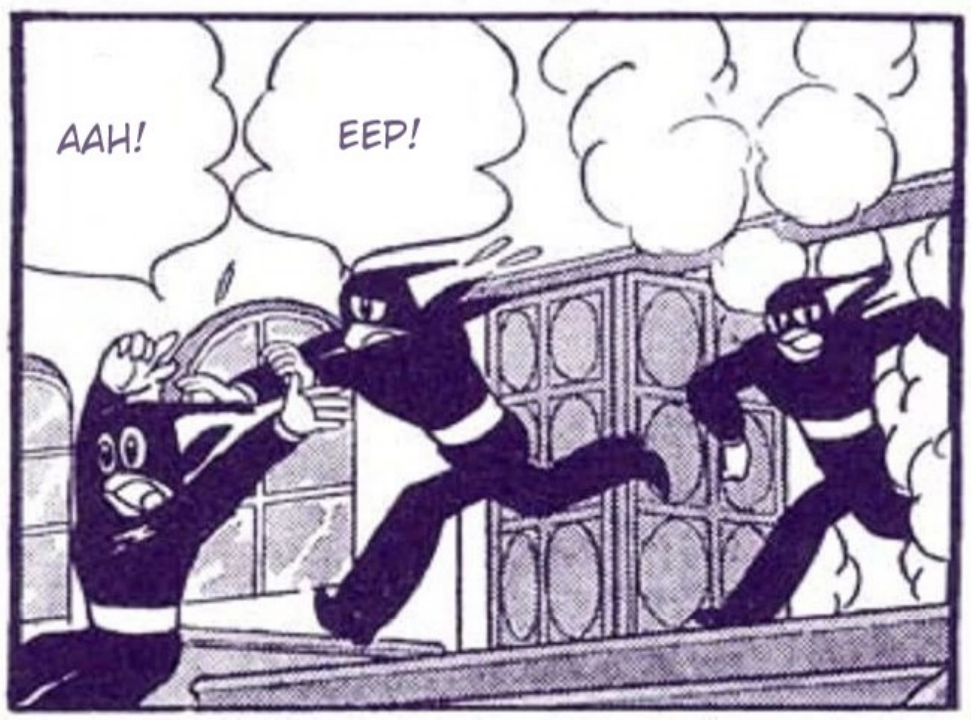



THAT MUST BE THE FROGMEN'S HIDEOUT!

WHOA! TETSUJIN IS RAMPAGING ON TOP OF THAT HOUSE!



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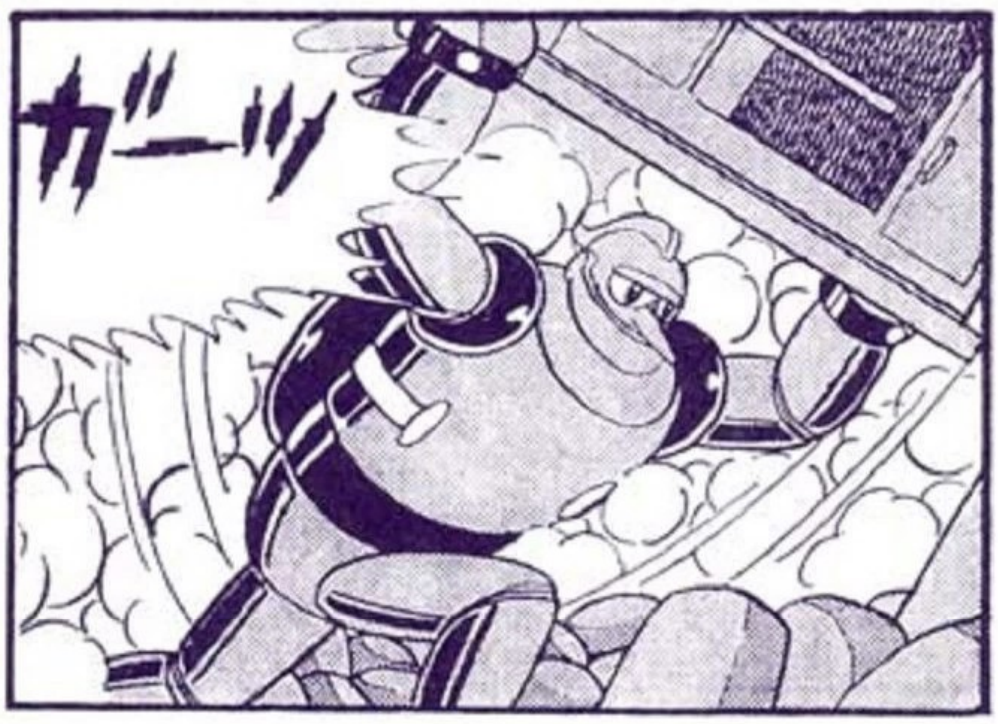
EEP!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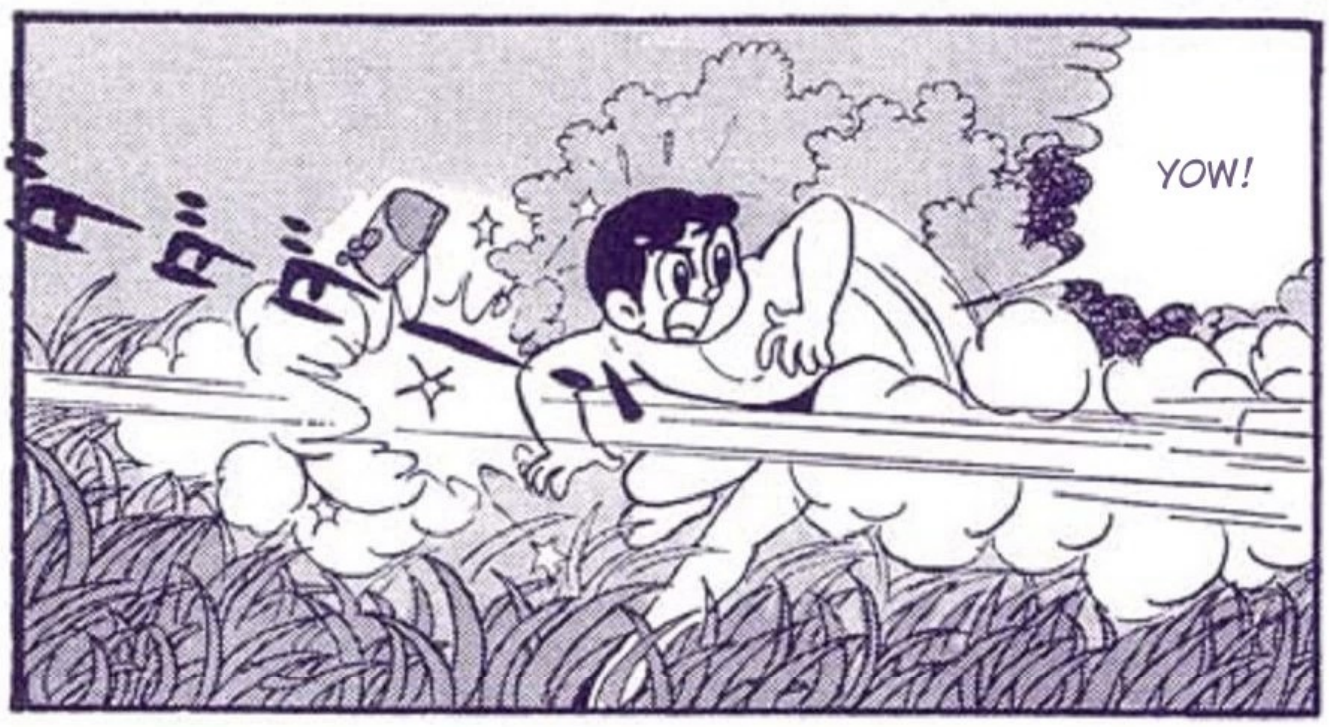
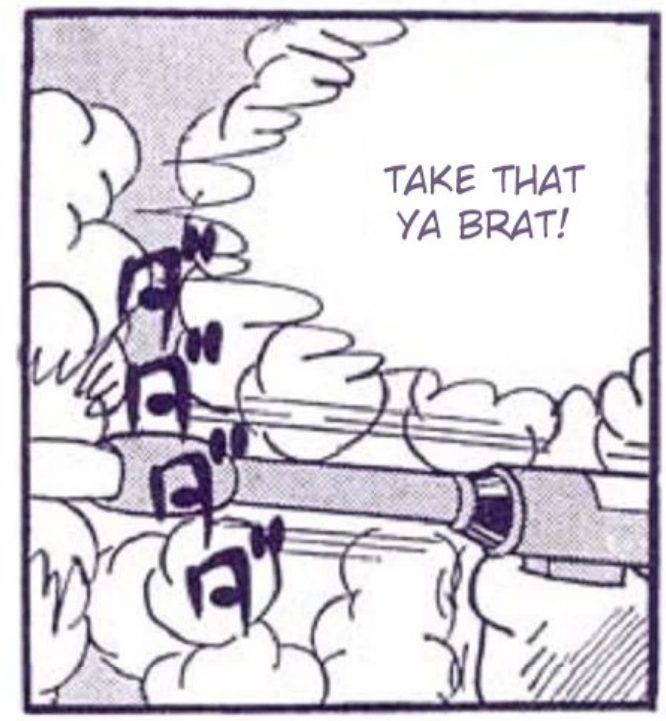
SCARE THE CRAP OUT OF THEM, TETSUJIN!

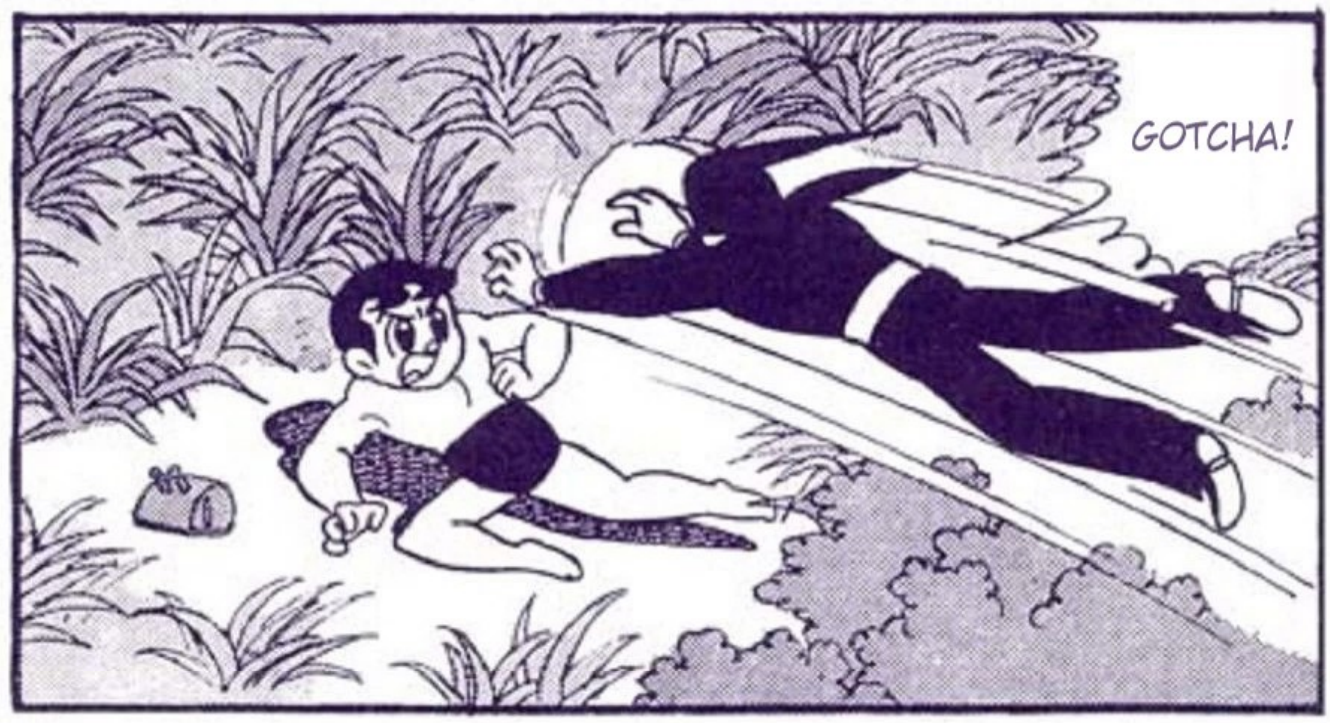
HA-HA-HA, EVERYONE'S RUNNING FOR THEIR LIVES.

WE FOUND HIM!
THERE HE IS!

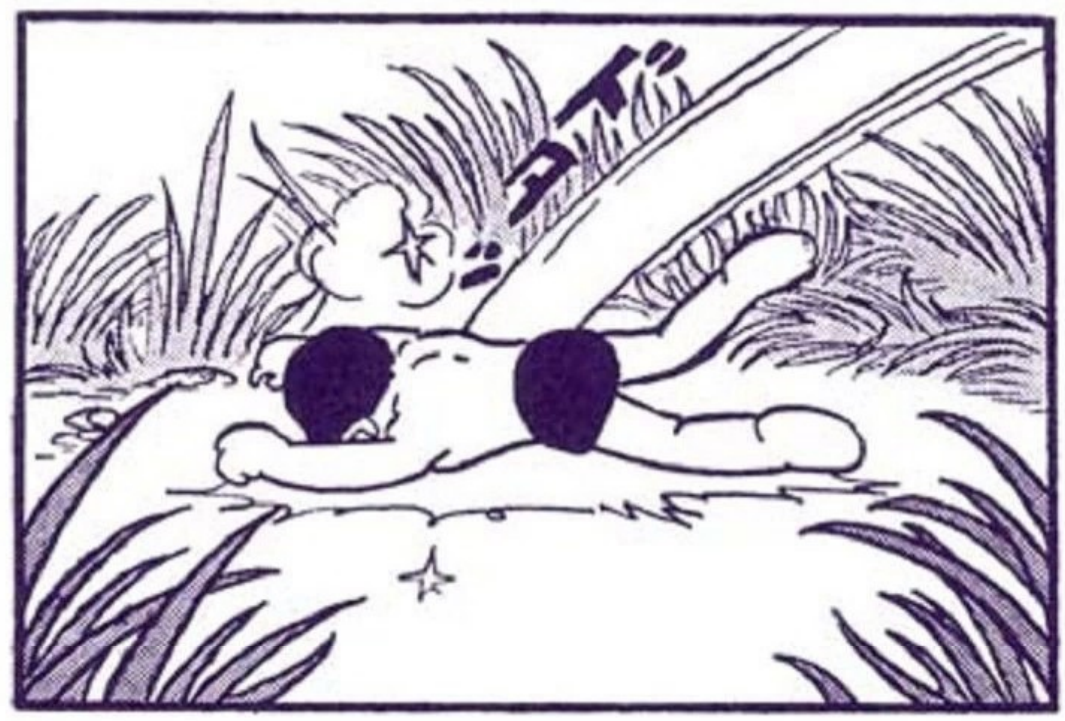
HA!

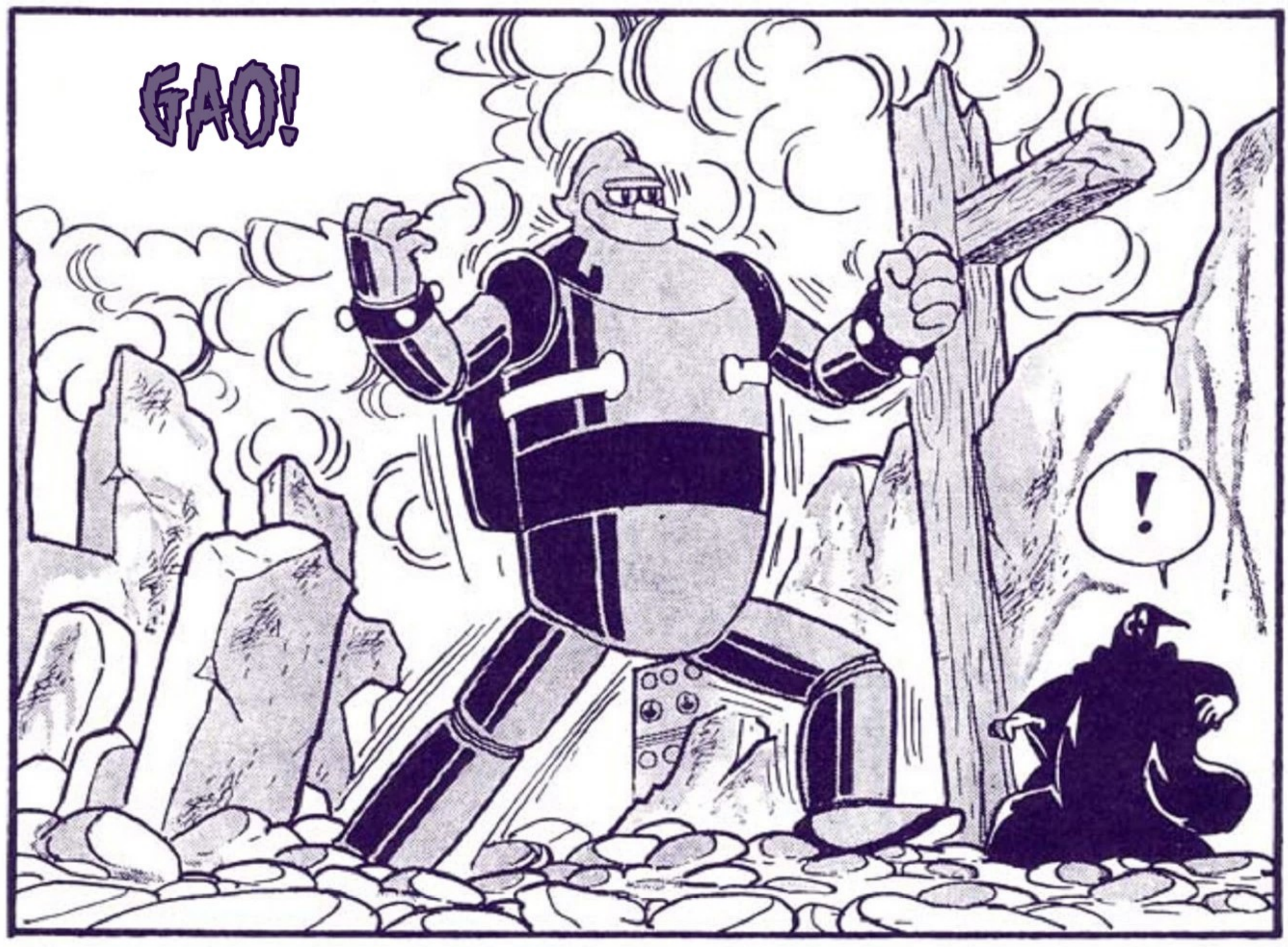

YOW!


TAKE THAT YA BRAT!


GOTCHA!

UGH...

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BLACK OX VOL 2

APPEARED IN "SHONEN"
APRIL - JUNE, 1960

IN THIS SECOND VOLUME, DR. FRANKEN'S NEW ROBOT, BLACK OX, FINALLY APPEARS. THE BOSS GIVES UP ON THE IDEA OF DEVELOPING A "SELF-THINKING ROBOT" AND LEAVES IT AS REMOTE-CONTROLLED.

IN THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF THE SERIES, DR. FRANKEN HAS ALREADY APPEARED IN "THE STINGRAY INCIDENT," IN WHICH HE USES HIS SUPER ENERGY, A WEAPON USED BY BLACK OX, TO INCAPACITATE TETSUJIN. AFTER THE FIRST BATTLE BETWEEN THE BLACK OX AND THE TETSUJIN, SHOTARO AND CHIEF OTSUKA VISIT DR. SHIKISHIMA AND BEGIN TO SUSPECT THAT DR. FRANKEN IS STILL ALIVE DUE TO THE TYPE OF WEAPONS BLACK OX POSSESSES. IN THE KAPPA COMICS VERSION, THE STORY OF THE STINGRAY INCIDENT IS NOT SHOWN, BUT IT IS SHOWN IN THE 68TH AND 69TH PAGES.

IN ADDITION, THE ASSASSINS SENT BY THE FROGMEN APPEARED AND KIDNAPPED SHOTARO, WHO HAD LEFT THE SHIKISHIMA RESIDENCE AND RETURNED TO HIS HOUSE. INSTEAD, THE SEARCH FOR MADARA ROCKS IS EXPLAINED IN THE LAST THREE PANELS OF PAGE 69.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THERE ARE SOME EDITS AND MINOR ADDITIONS WHEN CHANGING THE SIZE FROM 8X6 TO 6X5. IN ADDITION TO THE SYNOPSIS OF THE PREVIOUS ISSUE, THE BOTTOM PANEL OF PAGE 92 AND THE PANEL ON PAGE 93 WERE ALSO NEWLY DRAWN, AND SINCE THEY WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEPARATE SUPPLEMENT, IT WAS NECESSARY TO CREATE NEW ART.

IN THOSE DAYS, IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO EDIT AND MAKE A COHESIVE BOOK RATHER THAN SLAVISHLY STICK TO THE ORIGINAL SERIALIZED STORIES. THIS WAS A TIME WHEN MANGA ARTISTS AND WRITERS FELT THAT A SERIAL AND A BOOK WERE DIFFERENT STORIES, AND THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO PUBLISH THE SAME THING FOR THE READERS.

IN THE ORIGINAL VERSION, BLACK OX APPEARS IN THE "ROBBY VOLUME", WHICH FOLLOWS THE "BLACK OX VOLUME". TETSUJIN IS KIDNAPPED BY THE INTELLIGENT ROBOT ROBBY, AND BLACK OX IS SENT OUT TO FIND HIM. DR. SHIKISHIMA TAKES CONTROL OF THE TETSUJIN AND SHOTARO TAKES CONTROL OF THE BLACK OX, AND THEY FACE OFF AGAINST ROBBY'S ROBOT ARMY. IN THE FINALE OF THE "ROBBY VOLUME" TETSUJIN CARRIES BLACK OX, WHO CANNOT FLY.
IN ADDITION TO THE "ROBBY VOLUME" BLACK OX ALSO APPEARS IN THE "SUPERHUMAN KELLY VOLUME," WHERE HE BATTLES THE MONSTER ROBOT GILBERT. IN THE END, BLACK OX AND GILBERT MELT EACH OTHER DOWN TO SLAG. -HARUYUKI NAKANO (MANGA RESEARCHER)